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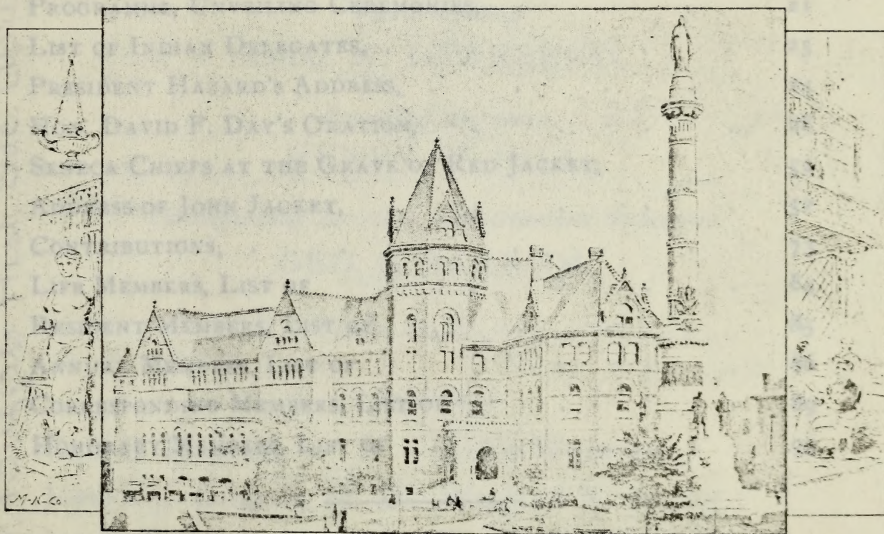
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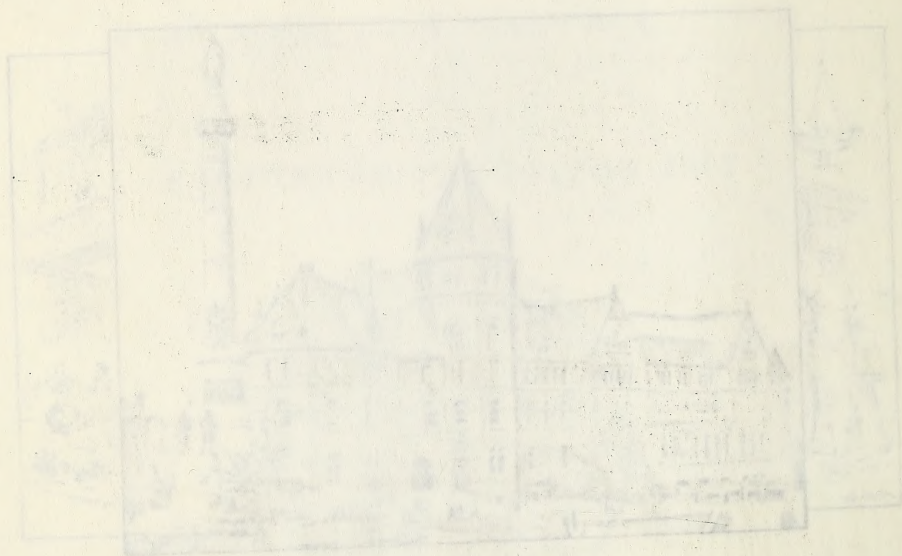
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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

*MILLARD FILLMORE, from	1862 to 1867
*HENRY W. ROGERS,	1868
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JOSEPH C. GREENE, M. D.,	1891
GEO. S. HAZARD,	1890 and 1892
JULIUS H. DAWES,	1893

*Deceased.

FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

General Fund.

1892. Jan'y 1, To Balance in Treasury...	\$ 1,125.34
Dec. 31, By Payment of Orders...	2,892.60
	\$ 4,017.94

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NOTE.—This Society has no Liabilities.

The Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held at the Society's rooms in the Library Building, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, 1893.

Owing to the severe cold weather, the attendance of members was small.

At 8.15 o'clock the meeting was called to order by President Hazard.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held Jan. 12, 1892, were read, and, on motion, adopted.

The following Annual Report of the Board of Managers was then read by the Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Your Board have the honor to submit herewith to the Society, for the information of its members, their Annual Report of Acquisitions and Transactions for the past year.

FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

General Fund.

1892.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury	\$ 1,123.34
	Dec. 31,	" Rec'd for Interest and Dues	2,892.60
			<u>\$ 4,015.94</u>

Contra.

1892.	Dec. 31,	By Payment of Orders	\$ 2,994.33
			<u>Balance in Treasury</u>
			\$ 1,021.61

NOTE.—This Society has no Liabilities.

Permanent Fund.

1892.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury	\$26,840.44
	April 11,	" Estate of Hon. Jonathan Scoville.	5,000.00
	" 12,	" " William Moffatt	500.00
	Dec. 31,	" Life Memberships during the year.	450.00
			<u>\$32,790.44</u>

Contra.

1892.	Sept. 1,	Less 22% of reduction on \$1,065.44	
			by the failure of the National Savings
			Bank
			<u>\$ 234.39</u>
			<u>Balance in Treasury</u>
			\$32,556.05

NOTE.—This balance of the Permanent Fund, and future additions, are protected by an Act of our Legislature, passed May 15, 1888; the interest *only* can be used for general expenses. For full text of this Act see Appendix "A."

Red Jacket Monument Fund.

1892.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury	\$ 984.28
	Dec. 31,	" Interest Rec'd during the year	39.75
			<u>Balance in Treasury</u>
			\$ 1,024.03

of historic importance connected with the Holland
Land Comp. LIBRARY INCREASE.

The additions to the Library from all sources for the current year have been 487 volumes, 782 pamphlets, 186 miscellaneous periodicals, and 138 leaflets. A large increase over last year.

Among the recent acquisitions we can report many valuable publications, and the growth of our Library is a cause for congratulation. Still there are many subjects in it which have but a meagre representation; especially is this the case in American and English history, biography and genealogy. A small expenditure upon the Library every year would soon place it in the front rank of reference libraries. We may state in this connection that this Society is made the recipient regularly of many popular magazines, reviews, etc., but our means are too limited to subscribe for them, and we have confined ourselves to a few historical, genealogical and antiquarian periodicals *only*, of which we had sets from their commencement and which we desire to keep up. What we have in that line has proved an invaluable aid to a large number of persons during the past year.

Our Library has many friends all over the country, as the number of books donated shows, and we express our grateful thanks to one and all for their generous contributions.

The most notable gift of the year to the Library of this Society was made by Major Henry I. Glowacki, of Batavia, N. Y., of a large collection of the original title papers, deeds, maps, records and other documents

of historic importance connected with the Holland Land Company.

It is the most valuable single collection of historical papers of a local nature which the Society has ever received, and it is eminently proper that they should be preserved here, in the chief city of the Holland Purchase, for historical use and reference.

We take pleasure in gratefully acknowledging this generous and most considerate gift of this distinguished gentleman.

These rare documents have been classified and catalogued by our esteemed Vice-President, Julius H. Dawes, and placed in tin boxes with lock and key, painted, labelled, and numbered, and they are all now accessible to the public.

Taken in connection with the original manuscript material, bound in 30 folio volumes, which the Society already possessed, relating to the history of the Holland Purchase, it gives to Buffalo a treasure of surpassing value.

NEWSPAPERS.

During the past year 85 volumes of miscellaneous newspapers found their way to our collection, and have very materially enriched this invaluable department of our Library.

Of this number 20 volumes were donated by the Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., Boston, Mass., and cover the war period and the eventful times preceding and following the great strife.

One of the volumes is a fac-simile of "The Old Flag," a most unique and curious relic of the Rebellion, published by Union prisoners at Camp Ford, Texas, 1864.*

The Society's grateful thanks are due to the publishers who have generously aided us by donating their files, and to the many kind friends for their acceptable gifts.

A full list of contributors will be found appended to this report.

The number of single newspapers, containing historical and biographical sketches, received during the year, was unusually large, and the valuable articles marked were cut out, filed and indexed.

Many times these carefully preserved newspaper slips have helped the historiographer in research when other branches of our Library have failed

MAPS, CHARTS AND ATLASES.

Since our last report we have received 30 maps, 11 charts, and 10 bound volumes of atlases, to accompany the official records of the Union and Confederate armies.

*NOTE.—"The Old Flag" was published during an imprisonment of 13 months in Camp Ford, upon a sheet of unruled letter paper, 9x12 inches, entirely with a pen, in imitation of print. The aim in this undertaking was to while away the dreary months of captivity.

They contain poems, records, market items, good-natured satire, jokes, advertisements, exchange news, views of the camp, and the most interesting gossip.

A list of names of Camp Ford prisoners accompanies this artistic brochure. This is the only instance in which the design of printing and publishing a newspaper, while prisoners in the hands of the enemy, has been fully carried out.

The accessions for the year are much appreciated, and add value to our collection.

A list of the donors accompanies this report.

The whole map accumulation has been thoroughly overhauled, cleaned and newly labelled, and as they are now arranged, are more accessible than ever before.

AUTOGRAPHS.

The following autographs were contributed to our collection in the past year :

John C. Spencer, Secretary of War under Tyler.

John A. Dix, Ex-Governor of New York.

Robert C. Nichols, State Senator for Ontario, N. Y.

Gift of the late Isaac M. Schermerhorn.

Martin Van Buren, President U. S., 1833.

Andrew Jackson, President U. S., 1837.

Caleb Strong, Gov. Mass., 1815.

Gift of Mrs. Wm. Dana Fobes, Lewiston, N. Y.

Dr. W. M. Ruschenberger, Philadelphia, Pa., the naturalist and author.

Rev. John Wright, D. D., Saint Paul, Minn., author of the Early Bibles of America, recently published.

Hon. Charles G. Memminger, Charleston, S. C., Secretary of the Treasury under the Confederacy.

Gift of John A. McAllister, Philadelphia, Pa.

Autograph of the late well-known Dean Richmond, of this city.

General T. W. Sherman. Major Generals John A. Dix, G. A. Warren, J. G. Foster, W. S. Rosencrans, and Benjamin F. Butler. Brigadier Generals William Hayes, R. Saxton and Daniel Ullman.

Gift of Geo. G. Barnum.

BEQUESTS.

Your Board have the pleasure to report the payment, during the past year, of the following bequests made to this Society :

Estate of the Hon. Jonathan Scoville.....\$5,000.00

" William Moffatt..... 500.00

Both of this city.

The six pieces of old and rare china, bequeathed to this Society by the late Mrs. Arnabel F. Blain, of Chicago, have also been received and placed in the cabinet set apart for the Society's china collection.

Such good examples ought to have many followers.

WAR RELICS.

A sword, musket, bayonet and cartridge box, trophies of the Rebellion, presented by Mrs. L. Marvin.

A relic of the Rebel ram, Merrimac, 1864. Gift of Archibald M. Hazard.

Fragment of shell, dug up at Fort Erie, War of 1812, by John Bowman.

A double-barreled pistol, captured by donor during

the Rebellion. Fragments of shell from Fort Moultrie and Fort Pickens. Explosive bullets and Minnie balls, dug up at Fort Erie. From Dr. Chauncy Pelton Smith.

A copper powder flask, found on a battle-field of the late war. Gift of James McKelvey, Juniata, Neb.

A gold embroidered silk flag of Company "A," National Guard, 1856, presented by Miss Morgan. Its history will be forwarded from California.

THE PORTRAIT GALLERY.

During the past year some noteworthy additions have been made to our collection.

A handsome crayon, life size, of our President, George S. Hazard, was presented by his son, Archibald M. Hazard. The portrait is not only excellent, but is the one needed to complete the collection of portraits of Presidents of the Society since its organization.

A most remarkably well executed life-size portrait in India ink of Abraham Lincoln, in a heavy oval gilt frame, was the gift of photographer Andrew Simson, of this city.*

A framed chromotype, life size, of Dr. Hahnemann, founder of the School of Homœopathy, was donated by Thomas T. Fryer, New York City.

* The circumstances attending the production of this picture give it an especial value. Mr. Simson was in Washington at the time that Lincoln was assassinated. Obtaining the last picture taken of Lincoln before his tragic death, he worked it up with artistic skill. Knowing and greatly admiring Lincoln, he was able to produce what is conceded to be a most accurate and artistic portrait of the martyred President.

From Gen. Adrian R. Root, a framed photo of Gen. James S. Wadsworth and staff, taken at Upton Hill, Va., January 1, 1862. Also two framed photos of himself; one full length as Adjutant 74th Regiment National Guard, State N. Y. The other life size as Brevet Major General U. S. Vols., and a framed photo of the late Carlos Cobb, one of our prominent pioneer produce and commission merchants, Buffalo and New York.

An excellent photo of the late Judge Thomas Corlett, of this city, framed, was sent us by his son, Thomas Gardiner Corlett, M. D., Chicago.

We have received from Major Henry I. Glowacki, a prominent lawyer, citizen and public man of Batavia, N. Y., a fine photo of himself, framed.

Major Glowacki was identified with the interests of the famous Holland Land Company from early in the thirties until it went out of business.

From Albert A. Hartzell, a framed photogravure of his father, the late Rev. Dr. J. Hazard Hartzell.

From Geo. S. Hazard, a framed portrait, life size, of Christopher Columbus, painted by Emilie Chaese, from the Yanez and Puebla portraits, in the National Museum at Madrid, with coat of arms.

Our portrait gallery of worthy pioneers and public men attracts a large share of attention, and promises well for the future prospects of the Society, when its aims shall be more generally understood.

Of the 475 portraits that are preserved upon our walls, most of them serve an invaluable purpose of

illustrating the history and progress of Buffalo, and will ever be held in high estimation by this Society.

Gifts to our albums of smaller portraits have been received from the following persons:

Prof. Chas. E. West, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. A. M. Greer, Sarasota, Florida; Lyman Cobb, Jr., Yonkers, N. Y.; Hon. J. P. Merritt, St. Catharines, Ont.; Alex. W. Guild, Buffalo; Mrs. R. F. Slaght, Buffalo.

HISTORICAL RELICS AND CURIOS.

A genuine piece of "Hunger Bread," obtained from a peasant in the famine district, by W. C. Edgar, Commissioner of Minnesota, sent out with a relief cargo to Libau, Russia, 1892. It is a mixture of roots, grasses and dirt. Gift of A. R. James.

A whale's tooth with an artistic etching and a fine piece of whalebone.

Two specimens of sword fish, and relics of Chicago's great fire, in October, 1871. Gift of C. P. Smith.

A straw bonnet, made by Betsey Metcalf, of New England, fac simile of the *first* straw bonnet made in America by her, in 1798.

A Mexican sandal and water jug, and a pair of sleeve buttons, made from a French apple-tree, at the home of Evangeline,* Grand Pre, Nova Scotia. Gift of Mrs. J. D. Larkin.

* Walking canes made from this tree have been sent to Longfellow, Dr. Chapin, of New York, and other celebrities; a small piece of the wood was left and made up into sleeve buttons, and this is the last of that tree made famous by Longfellow. The last material remembrance of the fated Acadians. This tree is supposed to have been planted by Basil, the blacksmith.

Specimens of envelopes used in the South during the Rebellion with Confederate stamp.

A miniature canteen representing the Blue and the Gray, worn as a badge by the soldiers at the unveiling of Hon. Ben Hills' Monument.

And an inkstand 100 years old. Gift of Julius H. Dawes.

The dainty shoe of an unknown Esquimau woman, found on board the English discovery ship "Resolute," in the Polar Seas, September 9, 1855.*

And the Major Andre clothes brush used by him in the Revolution, were presented by Miss Sarah M. Hazard.†

A piece of lace wrought by the hand of Martha Washington, and given by her to her friend Betsey Billings, whose husband, later, was surgeon on General Washington's staff.

The lace has been cherished as an heirloom, passing down the generations of the donor's family to the present date. Presented to the Society by Andrew Langdon.

* This vessel without a living soul on board was found in the Arctic Ocean, and rescued from the icebergs, September 9, 1855, by Capt. Buddington, of the whaling ship "George Henry," and brought into New London, Conn., and after being thoroughly repaired by the U. S. Government, was restored to the English Government, December 12, 1856.

† This brush was owned by David Willock, who was a servant to Major Andre in the war of the Revolution, and was used by him to brush the clothes of the Major.

Willock carried the brush home to Scotland, and gave it to his sister, the mother of James Anderson. She gave it to James in 1803. He brought it to this country, and kept it in his possession until April 23, 1859, when he presented it to Thomas M. Howell, of Canandaigua, N. Y.

A blue plate, over a hundred years old, from Mrs. A. M. Greer, Sarasota, Florida.

Seventy-nine miscellaneous relics and curios were presented by Miss Eleanor Graff.

An albatross feather, 26 inches long, captured on a whaling ship at Cape Horn. Gift of Geo. S. Hazard.

A pack of Chinese playing cards. Gift of E. Routledge, of Trenton, N. J.

A fragment of wood, taken from the ship of war "Niagara," after her return from laying the Atlantic cable, March 16, 1859. Gift of heirs of Capt. D. P. Dobbins.

The tip of the lightning rod of the First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Gift of Gen. Adrian R. Root.*

THE CURRENCY COLLECTION.

This collection has attained a size and value of which we can justly feel proud.

The additions for the year are a 25-cent Confederate treasury note, of Alabama, 1863. From Alex. C. Labar.

Eighteen pieces fractional currency, State Bank, South Carolina, 1863. From James F. Bancroft.

*The First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo was organized in 1812, and worshipped in a frame chapel at the corner of Pearl and Niagara Streets until 1827, when the brick church was dedicated.

This church was sold and demolished in 1890.

The lightning rod was (it is believed) forged by hand, upon the anvil of David Reese, Government blacksmith for the Seneca Indians, at his shop, S. E. corner of Seneca and Washington Streets. This tip is made of $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch wrought iron, 12 feet 10 inches long, with 3 prongs 2 feet long.

The donor feels an especial degree of interest in this relic, for the reason that in his boyhood he climbed the rod, from the ground to the forks, in order to release a captive kite.

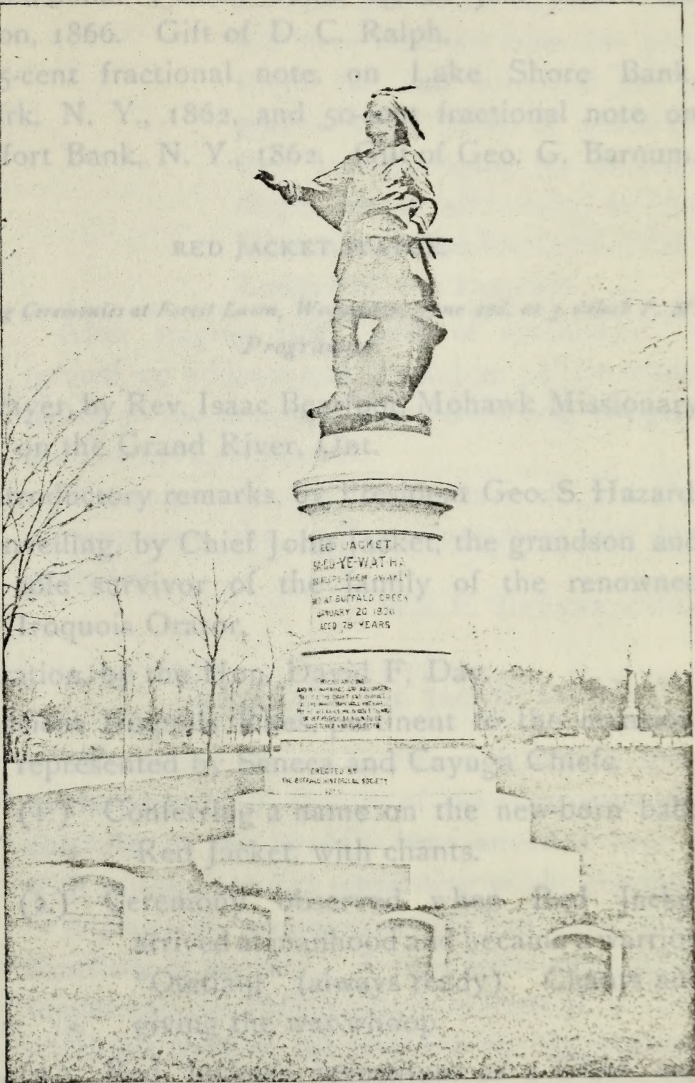
A ten-dollar Union bond issued just before the invasion, 1866. Gift of D. C. Ralph.

A one-cent fractional note, on Lake Shore Bank, Dunkirk, N. Y., 1862, and a one-cent fractional note on Frankfort Bank, N. Y., 1863. Gift of Geo. G. Barbaum.

RED JACKET

Unveiling Ceremony at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, N. Y., April 20, 1891. Program.

1. Prayer by Rev. Isaac B. Smith, Mohawk Missionary.
2. Invocation by Geo. S. Hazard.
3. Unveiling by Chief Joseph, the grandson and survivor of the renowned Sagoyewew.
4. Oration by F. D. ...
5. Address by ...



MONUMENT AND BRONZE STATUE OF RED JACKET, ERECTED IN FOREST LAWN CEMETERY, BUFFALO, N. Y., BY THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1891.

A ten-dollar Fenian bond, issued just before the invasion, 1866. Gift of D. C. Ralph.

A 5-cent fractional note, on Lake Shore Bank, Dunkirk, N. Y., 1862, and 50-cent fractional note on Frankfort Bank, N. Y., 1862. Gift of Geo. G. Barnum.

RED JACKET STATUE.

Unveiling Ceremonies at Forest Lawn, Wednesday, June 22d, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Programme.

1. Prayer, by Rev. Isaac Bearfoot, Mohawk Missionary on the Grand River, Ont.
2. Introductory remarks, by President Geo. S. Hazard.
3. Unveiling, by Chief John Jacket, the grandson and sole survivor of the family of the renowned Iroquois Orator.
4. Oration, by the Hon. David F. Day.
5. Ancient Iroquois Rites, pertinent to the occasion, represented by Seneca and Cayuga Chiefs.
 - (1.) Conferring a name on the new-born babe Red Jacket, with chants.
 - (2.) Ceremony observed when Red Jacket arrived at manhood and became a warrior. "Otetiani" (always ready). Chants and giving the war-whoop.
 - (3.) Red Jacket's investiture as a Chief, and assumption of the title of "Sagoyewatha" (He keeps them awake).

- (4.) Ceremony when a great Chieftain fulfills his time and is laid to rest. The Indians will here descend from the platform in single file and surround the group of graves, in the center of which is that of Red Jacket, singing the ancient funeral dirge, whose authorship is imputed to Hiawatha, or the founders of the Historic League of the Iroquois.

After singing this "song of condolence," as it is termed, an address and invocation will be made by the oldest of the Seneca Chiefs now living, the grandson of the famous Cornplanter.

If time permits and the audience do not show signs of weariness, the Indian programme may be slightly extended.

WM. C. BRYANT, *Chairman.*

UNVEILING RED JACKET STATUE.

The statue, erected in Forest Lawn by this Society to the honor and memory of the statesman, orator and chieftain of the Senecas, was unveiled June 22d last, with appropriate and interesting public ceremonies.

A platform, awning-covered, had been built for the exercises of the day. A rope fence enclosed the monument and the Indian graves in front of it.

On the front of the platform sat the honored guests of the occasion, members of the Seneca, Cayuga and Mohawk Tribes of Indians.

They were Chief John Jacket, grandson and only surviving descendant in direct line from Red Jacket, a man over 80 years of age, and one of the first Indians of this part of the country to be converted to the Christian faith.

Solomon Obail, grandson of the great Chief Cornplanter, nearly 90 years old, and the oldest of the delegation.

William Nephew, grandson of the great War Chief Governor Blacksnake.

Chester C. Lay, a Seneca Chief and Government Interpreter, and leader of the Seneca delegation.

Chiefs, Thomas Kennedy, late President of the Seneca Nation; William Jones, Moses Lay, John Lay, Hanover Spring, George Hemlock, John Hemlock, Daniel Stevens and George Pierce, men at or past middle age.

Aleck John, Chief of the New York Cayugas. Albert G. Smith, Mohawk Chief Six Nations. Indian Office, Brantford, Ont.

With them were Abby Jacket, wife of John Jacket, and Sarah Kennedy, wife of Thomas Kennedy.

E. D. Cameron, Canadian Superintendent Six Nations. The Hon. Allen Cleghorn, ex-Mayor of Brantford, Ont. Hon. J. P. Merritt, Saint Catharines, Ont. The Hon. Samuel R. Welles, of Waterloo, N. Y. J. G. C. Hamilton, sculptor, Cleveland, Ohio, and many others.

It was a perfect day, and there was a very large attendance.

The assemblage gathered was representative, not only of the Historical Society, but of the city at large.

At the appointed hour, 3 o'clock, the ceremonies commenced with an eloquent prayer in the Seneca language by John Jacket, who took the place of the Rev. Isaac Bearfoot, Mohawk, who was unavoidably absent.

The special literary features of the occasion were the appropriate remarks of our President, Geo. S. Hazard, Esq., and the admirable address of the Hon. David F. Day, both of which are given here, in connection with this report.

Introductory remarks by President Geo. S. Hazard.

PRESIDENT HAZARD'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Representatives of the Iroquois Nations:

The Buffalo Historical Society greets you with a warm welcome on the accomplishment of a favorite but long-deferred and for many years an almost hopeless undertaking.

During the past thirty years this Society, in addition to its work in various historical departments, has labored earnestly in collecting and preserving the records of the Iroquois confederation of Indian tribes and especially of the Senecas, the pre-occupants of our soil and nearest neighbors. These efforts have been attended with gratifying success, not only in a historical point of view, but in rescuing from neglected and desecrated graves the mortal remains of many of their most conspicuous

sachems, including the famous Red Jacket, and his contemporaries and re-interring them in this sacred spot, so generously donated by the Forest Lawn Cemetery Association for that purpose. Upon this spot some years since the Historical Society constructed a permanent foundation in the hope that a sufficient sum would be contributed for the erection of a substantial superstructure, however humble in its artistic proportions, which should prove a silent but eloquent reminder of a powerful and gifted Indian Chief and his brave but now nearly extinct nation. All efforts for this purpose, however, resulted in failure, and the project of a Red Jacket monument had almost become a byeword, when a generous and noble-hearted woman, unsolicited even by a suggestion, voluntarily and of her own sweet will, came to our aid. On visiting the rooms of the Historical Society, examining thoroughly its treasures and satisfying herself as to the character, standing and work of the institution, she made special inquiry in regard to what progress had been made in erecting a monument to the memory of Red Jacket, the grand old orator of the Iroquois, whose memory and character she held in great admiration and respect. Our worthy secretary, Mr. Barnum, in replying informed her that, with the exception of constructing at considerable expense a foundation upon which it was hoped a monument would be erected some time, which seemed to him in the very dim future, nothing had been done, for the very good reason that no funds were in hand for that purpose. "What is the estimated or probable cost for an

appropriate superstructure," was the further inquiry. Our secretary, upon consideration, replied that in his opinion ten thousand dollars would be sufficient to cover the cost. After some discussion the good lady said, "I will give that sum with the understanding that it be considered as a gift to the Buffalo Historical Society for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of that celebrated chief." In regard to form or design of the memorial she declined giving any directions, preferring to leave all details and construction to the good taste and judgment of the Society. The ten thousand dollars were promptly paid into the hands of the treasurer, but so strong was the estimable lady's dislike to public notoriety that she earnestly requested that her name in this connection should not be mentioned. To this she has strictly adhered, and still desires that the Buffalo Historical Society shall have all the merit of erecting this spirited and beautiful work of art in which she simply prefers to share in common and only in the same degree with other members in the praise or honor which may be awarded to the Society. Unavoidably the name of this excellent and magnanimous woman has become an "open secret," but the Historical Society will not at this time do violence to her true womanly instincts by publicly announcing it.

The Red Jacket Committee after corresponding with competent and distinguished artists and careful examination and consideration of the sketches and models which were submitted, unanimously adopted the design of Mr. J. G. C. Hamilton.

To attempt a description of this superb work of art is quite unnecessary; the hand of the master is manifest in every line; the statue speaks not only for itself, but for the artist. About one hundred years ago the very land on which stands our beautiful city was owned by the Seneca Indian Nation, of which Red Jacket was chief and then on the pinnacle of his power and glory.

He was celebrated for his acuteness in Indian affairs and his ready and fluent speech; in fact, he was the Demosthenes of the Iroquois, and when roused by debate on subjects affecting the welfare of his people, his eloquence was mightier than the pen or sword.

Inveterate pagan as he was, he firmly believed in the supreme power and direction of the Great Spirit and the future pleasant hunting grounds reserved for all good Indians.

The warmest thanks and enduring gratitude of the Buffalo Historical Society and the public are richly due to the generous lady, whose munificence, so modestly and liberally bestowed, has met and fulfilled our most sanguine wishes.

And to the accomplished artist who has so skillfully designed and executed this exquisite and characteristic statue we give unmeasured praise.

To-day the Buffalo Historical Society has the honor of presenting to its friends and the public in the finest quality of imperishable bronze, the life-like figure of Red Jacket, the distinguished Indian orator, statesman and chieftain, in his best estate, while holding his audience in mute admiration with his surpassing eloquence.

At the close of Mr. Hazard's address, the aged Chief John Jacket, drew down the large American Flag which had enshrouded the Statue.

The oration was then given by the Hon. David F. Day.

THE HON. DAVID F. DAY'S ORATION.

Mr. President, Fellow Citizens, Ladies and Gentlemen :

The occasion, which has called us to this place to-day is without precedent in the history of this country. The statue which has just been unveiled to our eyes marks the grave of one, who, in the opinion of many learned and judicious men, is to be regarded as the foremost representative of that interesting and heroic people, who, but a little more than a hundred years ago, held undisputed possession of Western New York. This most successful achievement of the sculptor's art has restored to us the face and figure of the great chieftain and orator of the Senecas, and will preserve them for our children, through many generations. Never before has one of the red race been thus honored by the white man. The public dedication of this imposing monument is the consummation of an undertaking, which reflects imperishable credit upon the Historical Society of Buffalo, in whose name it has been erected, and upon the enlightened and public-spirited members of that Association, with whom the project originated, and through whose energy and zeal it has been brought to this most happy and honorable conclusion.

As a citizen of Buffalo, I honor them, and I honor

the work of their hands. This statue will be widely known. It will call to this spot, through long years to come, many a visitor. Not only will the monument itself, as a work of art, be admired, but the motives, which have prompted its erection, will be duly appreciated and justly commended. It will give to the name of our city additional renown. It will prove to every one, who shall look upon it, that we number among our citizens men whose souls are lifted high above all selfish and narrow considerations, and are ready and willing, as opportunity may offer, to devote themselves and their possessions to the public good. It will bear the same testimony to their worth and public spirit long after they shall themselves have been gathered to their fathers.

It was such a feeling prevailing among her citizens which gave to Athens her pre-eminence among the cities of Greece. It was a tenet of their faith, as it is of yours, that it is not the possession of wealth or power, but their wise, unselfish and generous employment which exalt an individual or a community. I hail, then, the event of this day with a hearty satisfaction, not merely because a just tribute has been paid to the memory of a great man, though of a vanishing race, but because it is to me the augury of a time, soon to arrive, when the parks and public places of our beloved city will be graced and made yet more beautiful with monuments and statues, of marble and of bronze, which shall commemorate to all time those who have borne conspicuous parts in laying the foundations of our city,

and those, as well, who, on a broader and a higher stage have performed great public service and given honor to the American name. It is more than sixty years since the great chief and counsellor of the Senecas, known in our own history as Red Jacket, but in the sweet and sonorous speech of his own people as Sa-Go-Ye-Wat-Ha, died at his home on the Indian Reservation near Buffalo Creek. The spot is now included within the corporate limits of our city. The hands of neighbors of his own dusky race gave his aged and battered frame a grave not far removed from the lowly cabin which had been his dwelling for many years. There, until one who was a stranger to Red Jacket and his tribe and a stranger also to the people of the little village of Buffalo, caused a simple head-stone to be erected at his grave, it remained without mark or monument. Some twenty years or more had passed, when certain persons, intending, it is supposed, no dishonor to the dead, opened the grave and removed the remains of the great Iroquois from the place where the people of his tribe had laid them at rest. They had themselves removed to a distance, or no doubt the grave would not have been violated. But however that might be, his bones were soon reclaimed by his kindred and friends, and then, for several years, probably for the purpose of preventing their further profanation, they were held unburied, under the closest watch and ward of his people. But in some way it seems that the good thought entered into the minds of gentlemen of the Historical Society of the city of Buffalo, that here, in Forest Lawn, this beautiful ceme-

tery of the white man, the remains of the great chief could, with peculiar propriety, find their last resting-place secure forever from all desecration and dishonor—here, where sleep so many of the forefathers of the little hamlet, now grown to a great city, men who had known Red Jacket while still the trusted leader of his people, “before his eye had grown dim or his natural force abated.” And here for nearly eight years have they rested, and here, no doubt, they will rest until time shall be no more. Near by, as though to bear him company, repose the bones of sixteen others of his people, who, like him, were in life their guides and counsellors in war and peace.

The occasion of their re-interment here is, without doubt, fresh in the remembrance of you all. It was on a bright autumnal day, such a day as October sometimes brings us, whilst the grass is still green, but the woods are apparelled in their scarlet and purple, when the retreating sun kisses the earth with something of the fervor of summer-time, as though reluctant to depart. A grave and attentive throng of citizens was here to witness the unusual solemnity. A delegation of Senecas by their presence, gave the occasion their sanction and approval. Dignified and impressive services, in which both races participated, made the day memorable. All of you will recall the discourse which was here pronounced by a distinguished member of the Historical Society, to whom perhaps more than to anyone else is due the credit of the honorable and disinterested undertaking which was

that day accomplished. It was such a discourse as might have been expected of its author—eloquent, appropriate and replete with his unusual learning. In the evening Music Hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and there, to crown the occasion, the venerable Clinton delivered his last address to the people of Buffalo. Nor will you fail to recall the touching and pathetic tribute to the great chieftain of the Senecas which was there pronounced by his accomplished kinsman, General Ely S. Parker.

But after all, though the foremost of his race had at last received most honorable burial, it was felt by every one that something more than the funeral procession, something more than the solemn ceremonies of his reinterment, something more than eulogy, however just or eloquent, was needed to crown the work. It was felt that the grave of Red Jacket should be marked by some enduring monument, which should show to future generations what the countenance and figure of the renowned Iroquois were like, while yet his unconquerable spirit wore its vestments of clay, and while the eye, the arm and the tongue of this "Demosthenes of the forest" had still their magic to persuade and convince, "to threaten and command." Yet, however much all this was to be desired, the realization of the hope seemed very distant. Happily, at this juncture, what had been done and what remained to do came to the knowledge of a lady, residing in an eastern city, but whose name I am not now permitted to mention, by whose well-timed liberality the means were furnished

for the execution of the noble work, this day unveiled to your view. To her, then, most largely, are the Society and the people of Buffalo indebted for the triumph of this hour. But for her munificence, who can tell how long it might have been postponed?

And now, what remains for me to do? What can I say of Sa-Go-Ye-Wat-Ha, which has not already been said in your hearing and better said than it is within my power to say it? I am not versed in Indian lore, and, if I were, in a field which a Bryant and Clinton have reaped, my own gleanings must be small indeed.

But I can join you most heartily in the applause so justly due to all the gentlemen, who have had a share in the honorable design this day completed, to the noble and generous woman, by whose timely aid the fulfillment of the undertaking was made practicable and to the accomplished artist, whose work stands before you, speaking for itself (as did the orator whom it represents) in no borrowed tongue.

I congratulate you upon all the circumstances which attend this occasion. Providence has kindly bent above us an unclouded sky. The winds from the lake temper pleasantly the solstitial heat. The trees are clad in perfect beauty, and all nature seems to rejoice in sympathy with us upon the consummation of a labor so honorable to the living and to the dead.

Although the various tribes of the American Indians have always shown a strong family likeness, yet it has not been difficult to find among them much diversity in character, habits and institutions. Of the Indians, in-

habiting the present territory of the United States, the tribes, who seemed to possess the highest intellectual gifts and qualities were the members of that notable confederacy, first known in the early history of this country as the Five and afterwards as the Six Nations. By the French inhabitants of Canada they were called Iroquois. They were of the same general division of Indians as the Hurons, the Erie, the Wyandots and the Kaw Kwahs. That all these tribes were of a common descent has never been doubted. Their habits, their general appearance and their language prove it. The Hurons chiefly dwelt between Lake Huron and Lake Ontario. The Erie and Wyandots possessed the territory lying immediately south of Lake Erie, and the Kaw Kwahs were the owners and occupants of the country lying on either side of the Niagara River. The Six Nations claimed as their own the central portion of what is now the State of New York, a large portion of Pennsylvania, and a part of Virginia and North Carolina.

The contests in which the Six Nations had been engaged with other Indian tribes had resulted, almost always, to their advantage. They were held in dread from the Atlantic to the Mississippi and beyond, and from the Great Lakes to the Mexican Gulf. No other nation of Indians had perfected so complete a system of civil polity as was theirs. It early arrested the attention of the European Colonists as a marvel. There are those who have fancied that in the "League of the Iroquois" might be traced a likeness to our own

union of States. DeWitt Clinton, who had made their political institutions a subject of careful study, held this language in regard to them and their alliance.

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"merged in their conquerors, attest the superiority and "terror of their arms."

President Dwight says of them:—"Their conquests, "if we consider their numbers and their circumstances, "were little inferior to those of Rome itself. In their "harmony, in the unity of their operations, the energy "of their character, the vastness, success and vigor of "their enterprises, and the strength and sublimity of "their eloquence, they might be fairly compared with "the Greeks."

Chateaubriand, who travelled in this country in 1790, and made its native tribes a special study, bestowed upon the Iroquois the felicitous appellation—"The Romans of the West."

The Hurons and the Iroquois were hereditary foes. Their hostility of feeling for one another ante-dated many years the advent of white people. It was therefore not at all singular that in the momentous struggle of the French and English for the possession of the continent, these hostile nations of red men should be found on opposing sides. The Hurons became the steadfast friends of the French. The Iroquois adhered to the English side. Each of the contending powers regarded their Indian allies as important factors in the great problem of territorial acquisition. Of the Iroquois confederacy, the Senecas occupied the most westerly station. But when the French explorers, a hundred years before, made their adventurous way into the country bordering upon the Niagara River, they found it held by the Indian tribe, known alike to the

Hurons and the Iroquois as the Kaw Kwahs. The French, however, chose to call them the Neuter Nation, because in the fierce and prolonged struggle between the Hurons and the Iroquois, they had taken no part. But peace was not to continue with them always. Some act of the Kaw Kwahs was deemed unfriendly by the Senecas. Their bitterest animosity was aroused, and in one short but terrible campaign, the Kaw Kwahs, as an independent power, were completely overthrown. Pursuing a policy not unlike that of the ancient Romans, all those whose lives were spared were adopted by the conquerors and thereafter were merged in the Seneca Nation. I am told that although nearly two hundred and fifty years have passed since the victory of the Senecas, the descendants of the conquered Kaw Kwahs may still be pointed out. An aged Indian, whose death occurred not many years ago, was one of them. Early in the present century his cabin could be seen beside the placid stream, whose waters do so much to beautify and gladden this city of the dead; and his almost unpronounceable name, suggestive to our ears rather of tumult than of peace, is perpetuated, though greatly changed, in the name by which the little stream itself is known to us.

Report speaks of two engagements as having preceded the downfall of the Neuter Nation. One of them is said to have been fought on the banks of Buffalo Creek and near the spot which was Red Jacket's first burial-place. The other, and, I think, the more decisive conflict was near the ground where we are now

standing. A mound, within the boundaries of Forest Lawn and scarcely more than an arrow's flight from this place, covers the bones and dust of those who lost their lives in this bloody encounter of desperate and determined men.

It is certain that Red Jacket must have known the children of the warriors who were engaged in this war. Possibly his own ancestors were among them and he may have felt that a portion of the glory of that eventful day was his rightful inheritance. But from whatever source his acquaintance with so important a chapter of his Nation's history was derived, he must have known the particulars of the contest as few others of his day could have known them:—where the fight began, and where it raged the fiercest and where at last the decisive blow was struck, which gave to his own people so wide and important an addition to their possessions. All this he must have known, for his capacious memory was stored with all the traditions of his tribe. He must have often seen the mound which covers the remains of the fallen combatants, and known the entire history of the struggle, of which it now remains the only memorial. Why should it suffer complete obliteration? It marks the last resting-place of brave men, who fell, weapon in hand, fighting for all that men hold most dear—their homes, their families and their independence as a people. A simple and inexpensive enclosure would save it from the total destruction, which otherwise and very soon will visit it. A stone briefly telling the story of the mound would make it forever a place

of interest to the student of the ante-colonial history of our country. Will not my friends of the Historical Society, who have already shown themselves capable of accomplishing so much that is good, see that this work is done? Would it not make an interesting and appropriate sequel to the ceremonies of this day?

The conquest of the Kaw Kwahs greatly extended the territories of the Senecas and made them, beyond all question, the most powerful and influential of the Six Nations. It was the proudest achievement of their history. Its story was the epic, which, in his earliest youth, fired the imagination of Red Jacket and took captive his heart; and which made him, through all the years of his life, proud of his people and ready at all times in the defence of their rights and honor.

Such then is the way by which the fair and fertile domain in which we dwell and which we call our own, came to be the property and possession of the important Indian tribe, of which Red Jacket was surely "the bright, consummate flower." The date of the signal triumph of the Senecas cannot be stated with perfect certainty; but it is known that it preceded, by a few years only, the day when the adventurous keel of the Griffon, the corvette of the enterprising and fearless La Salle, first furrowed the waters of Lake Erie and began the commerce of our inland seas.

The year of Red Jacket's birth is unknown to us, but as at his death, in 1830, he was supposed to have reached his eightieth year, the middle of the last century may be taken as a close approximation to it.

It will therefore be seen that his life covered a period of American History, full of the most important events: The conquest of Canada and the destruction of the French authority in this portion of North America; the successful struggle of the English colonies for independence; the war with the Indian on our western frontier, terminating in the victory of Anthony Wayne; the extension of our settlements towards the Mississippi; the defeat of the Indians of the prairie states, in Harrison's memorable campaign, and the war with Great Britain in 1812.

Of the French and Indian war, (so called) Red Jacket could only have retained the recollection of a child. Yet he must have remembered the exultation of his people at the defeat of the French and the consequent humiliation of their Huron allies. But at the time of the Revolutionary war he had reached his manhood. It is known that the sympathies of the Six Nations, in the efforts of the colonists to achieve their independence, were all with the Mother Country. With the Crown of Great Britain they had treaties of perpetual amity, and it was a part of their character to keep treaties inviolate. I know that the participation of the Six Nations in the war brought down upon them the swift and effectual vengeance of Sullivan's campaign. Yet I never heard it said of Red Jacket that he had participated in the bloody atrocities of Wyoming and Cherry Valley. I am not sure that the Senecas as a tribe, sent any contingent to aid the British in their efforts to exterminate the American settlements upon

the frontier; but I do know that there is abundant evidence to prove the fact that these murderous raids were instigated by white people, loyalists and refugees, who perhaps in some instances had become exasperated at the holy wrath, which the patriots of the revolution had manifested against them. There are of course two sides of every story.

After the peace of 1783 and the acknowledgment of the independence of the United States, treaties of peace and friendship were concluded between them and the Six Nations, which on the part of the Six Nations have ever since been religiously regarded. It is on record that when the first mutterings of war were heard on the Pennsylvania frontier, in 1796, and some attacks upon outlying settlements had been threatened, the influence of the Six Nations was faithfully though unsuccessfully exerted to prevent the spread of hostilities. It is known that the counsel of such eminent Senecas as Cornplanter, Farmer's Brother, Governor Blacksnake and Red Jacket was given for the maintenance of peace.

Again at the coming on of the war of 1812 when a portion of the Six Nations, residing in Canada, had signified their purpose to take part in it on the British side, the Indians of this state sent an embassy of their leading men to expostulate with their brethren against an act, which necessarily would cast doubt upon their own fidelity; and failing to prevent them from entering into the British service, they joined the American forces and fought beside them at Lundy's Lane and Chippewa. Red Jacket himself, though then a man past middle life,

was among the Indians, who rendered military service on our side. By a baptism of fire he became a child of the republic.

It has been told of Red Jacket that there were those of his people, who were disposed to depreciate his character as a warrior. I do not know what justification, if any, there was for these imputations against his personal courage. But the inquiry, if it could now be made of them, would be entirely pertinent—what opportunity, from the close of the Revolutionary war until that of 1812 was given to him or to his people to vindicate, in warlike enterprises, the reputation which they had inherited from their ancestors. Possibly in the case of Red Jacket, the suspicion had no other foundation than that he had at some time wisely avoided precipitate action or personal encounter, which would rather have proved his folly than his courage.

But, after all, it may be that there is some occult antagonism or inconsistency between the qualities, which will arrest the attention of an audience and compel conviction, and those which are necessary to the leadership of an army in time of war. If I rightly remember history neither Demosthenes nor Cicero was able to add to their fame by any service rendered in the tented field. No. The reputation of Red Jacket, like those of the two great orators of the ancient world, must rest upon the abilities which he possessed to convince the judgments and to move the hearts of men, and upon those greater qualities, without which all his gifts of speech would have been naught, his love of

truth, his fidelity to his convictions and his unswerving devotion to the good of his people.

He was in this like Patrick Henry and like Henry Clay. No one questioned the patriotism of either and no one asked or cared, if either possessed the qualities, which fitted him for a commander in the field. "Who wears the laurel needs no other crown."

It seems that from an early period of his life it was the ambition of Red Jacket to become a great orator. It was his fortune, whilst still a youth, to attend an Indian council somewhere in Virginia. It was addressed by Logan, a chief of the Mingo, a sept of the great Iroquois family. A passage from one of the speeches of this renowned orator has been preserved by Jefferson and is introduced in his "Notes on Virginia." It has been admired as one of the finest specimens of eloquence to be found in the literature of any people. From the time that Red Jacket attended this council, it was his ambition, the one absorbing passion of his soul, "to speak like Logan."

How he schooled himself in his great art remains a matter of speculation. But in the absence of books, what could he have done, except to watch the examples of all the great orators of his people; to consider in solitude how he could best approach the hearts and understandings of an audience of his countrymen; and to practice the art at every opportunity. It is known that upon all important occasions, when he was expected to speak, he made the most careful preparation. If what he should have occasion to say was intended for the hearing of

white people, he would rehearse his speech to his interpreter, again and again, until he was satisfied that it would be rendered perfectly. He found out a system of mnemonics, in which various sorts and sizes of sticks were employed, in order that there might be no failure of his memory.

The solitude of the forest was his study—the preparation-room for his great efforts. If the orations of Cicero smelt of oil, as was charged against them, those of Red Jacket must have been redolent of the pine-trees and the balsams. They are crowded with figures, apt and beautiful; but drawn from nature and the observation of out-door life, they could only make his meaning clearer to his dusky audiences. We know them only through the disadvantages of translations, seldom or never made by one who was the master of either tongue. And yet I think that a cultured taste will be but rarely offended by what they offer either in thought or expression. I can well believe that the highest and noblest efforts of his genius have never reached us. The fragments which we have are mainly of speeches addressed to white people upon occasions when the apprehension of wrong-dealing to his tribe distempered him. I cannot doubt that he was more the master of his great abilities when in a council of the confederacy, his people were his only audience, or, better still, when, assembled on some day of public observance, his patriotic heart was filled with pride as he dilated upon their history as a nation, and the glories of their achievements was the theme of his discourse.

Like the great orators of civilized nations Red Jacket never lost sight of anything, which would contribute to the success of the cause which he had on hand. Not merely was the argument fully prepared, but he did not disdain to make his attire and personal appearance aid him in his effort. His blanket was adjusted with reference to its effect upon his audience and the medal, which he had received from Washington, and which he seemed to regard as a patent of nobility, was always kept in sight.

He knew full well his capabilities and was not always modest in reference to them. Yet one, I am sure, can easily forgive the egotism of his speech at the launching of a vessel which had been named after him. Addressing the vessel as though it was an intelligent creature, he said: "You have a great name given to you. Strive to deserve it. Be brave and daring. Go boldly forth into the lakes and fear neither swift winds nor the strong waves. Be not overcome or frightened by them, for it is by resisting storms and tempests that I, whose name you bear, obtained my renown. Let my great example inspire you to courage and lead you to glory."

He possessed the logical faculty in the highest degree, and was ever prompt to detect the fallacy of an argument. He carried invective to an extreme which would remind one of the Philippics of the great orator of Greece. His subtle sarcasm played and quivered in his speech like the cloven tongue of a serpent. He was a master of pathos. When he thought of the fast fading glories of his race his words, even in a translation,

sound like the moan of November winds through leafless forest. Hear him: "It grieves my heart when I look around me and see the situation of my people in old times united and powerful, now divided and feeble. I feel sorry for my nation. When I am going to the other world—when the Great Spirit calls away—who among you can take my place?"

One of his biographers tells us that the circumstances of his death were striking. Surely, as they are related, they exhibit, in a most touching way, the tenderness of a great and noble nature, faithful to the last to his kindred and their cause:—"For some months previous

to his death, time had made such fearful ravages on his strength as to render him fully sensible of his approaching dissolution. To that end he often adverted and always in the language of philosophic calmness. He visited successively all his most intimate friends at their cabins, and conversed with them upon the condition of their nation in the most impressive and affecting manner. He told them that he was passing away, and that his counsels would be heard no more. He ran over the

history of his people from the remotest period to which his knowledge extended, and pointed out, as few others could, the wrongs, the privations and the loss of character, which, almost of themselves, constituted the history. 'I am about to leave you,' he said, 'and when I am gone and warnings shall be no longer heard

regarded, the craft and avarice of the white man will prevail. Many winters have I breasted the storm; but I am an aged tree and can stand no longer. My leave

"are fallen, my branches are withered and I am shaken by every breeze. Soon my aged trunk will be prostrate and the foot of the exulting foe of the Indian may be placed upon it in safety; for I shall have no one who will be able to avenge such an indignity. Think not I mourn for myself. I go to join the spirits of my fathers, where age cannot come; but my heart fails me when I think of my people, who are so soon to be scattered and forgotten."

May we not say, without too great a perversion of the language of the Holy Scripture,—“His sins be forgiven, for he loved much?”

A portion of the words, which I have transcribed from his biography, are engraved upon the base of this monument. They seem to me most appropriately chosen for that purpose. The dark shadows, soon to hide this world from his sight, were fast closing around him; yet the sentiment which had predominated in his heart, during his life, suffered no change as the hour of death drew nigh. The welfare of his people was still his only care.

There is but one sentiment more noble than the love and devotion of the patriot; ready to live and labor, ready to suffer or die for his people; and that sentiment is only a broader and more exalted patriotism, which teaches us to look upon all the earth as our country and all mankind as our brethren.

I do not think that the inhabitants of Buffalo, to whom, in its early history, the form and figure of Red Jacket had become familiar, saw him in his best estate.

That was probably before their day. Time and some disregard of Nature's laws had already, when they first knew him, impaired his strength and injured his personal appearance. He was nearly fifty years old at the beginning of the century. At fifty years, something of the weakness of age is apt to show itself.

But to the last his form was imposing and his face full of character. Often have the Miltonic lines been applied to him :

“ Deep on his front engraven
Deliberation sat and public care ;
And princely counsel in his face still shone
Majestic though in ruin.”

I have already stated my opinion that the speeches of Red Jacket (what we have of them) have suffered greatly in their transmission to us. I find that this too was the opinion of the first President of the Historical Society. “ His fame,” said President Fillmore, “ like that of Patrick Henry, must rest mostly on tradition. His figures were bold, beautiful and striking ; but of course we have only the skeleton of his speeches in the meagre translations of ignorant interpreters, who were not skilled in the Indian or English language.” A far better judgment of their force and effect can be formed from the testimony of such white men as heard them delivered.

Said Thomas Morris :—“ When I first knew Red Jacket he was in his prime, being probably about thirty-six years of age. He was decidedly the most eloquent man amongst the Six Nations. His stature was rather

“above than below the middle size. He was well made.
“His eyes were fine, and expressive of the intellect of
“which he possessed an uncommon portion. His address,
“especially when he spoke in council, was very fine and
“almost majestic. He was the most graceful public
“speaker I ever heard. He was fluent without being too
“rapid. You could always tell when he meant to speak,
“from the pains he would take, before he arose, to arrange
“the silver ornaments on his arms and the graceful fold
“he would give his blanket. On rising he would first
“turn towards the Indians and bespeak their attention to
“what he meant to say in their behalf to the Com-
“missioner of the United States. He would then turn
“towards the Commissioner, and bending towards him
“with a slight but dignified inclination of the head,
“proceed.” The celebrated Dr. Breckinridge, of Ken-
tucky, said of him: “Red Jacket was in appearance
“nearly sixty years of age at this time. He had a
“weather-beaten look. Age had done something to pro-
“duce this—probably intemperance more. But his
“general appearance was striking, and his face noble.
“His lofty and capacious forehead, his piercing black
“eye, his gently curved lips, fine cheek and slightly
“aquiline nose all marked him a great man, and, as sus-
“tained and expressed by his dignified air, made a deep
“impression on every one who saw him. I saw him only
“in the wane of life, and heard him only in private and
“through a stupid and careless interpreter. Yet,
“notwithstanding these disadvantages, he was one of the
“greatest and most eloquent orators I ever knew. His

"cadence was measured and yet very musical. In
"ordinary utterance, it amounted to a sort of musical
"monotone; but when excited, he would spring to his
"feet, elevate his head, expand his arms, and utter, with
"indescribable effect of manner and tone, some of his
"noblest thoughts."

General Peter B. Porter, than whom, it is said, no
one knew Red Jacket better, speaks of him as a man
"endowed with great intellectual powers and who, as an
"orator, was not only unsurpassed, but unequalled, *longo*
"*intervallo*, by any of his contemporaries. Although
"those, who were ignorant of his language, could not
"appreciate the force and beauty of his speeches, when
"received through the medium of an interpretation—
"generally coarse and clumsy—yet such was the peculiar
"gracefulness of his person, attitudes and action, and the
"mellow tones of his Seneca dialect and such the
"astonishing effects produced on that part of his
"audience, who did fully understand him and whose
"souls appeared to be engrossed and borne away with
"the orator, that he was listened to by all with perfect
"delight."

I might multiply these excerpts and adduce still
further proof of the transcendant quality of the oratory
of this untutored son of the forest. But what is before
you is enough to place him far in the first rank of those
upon whom Nature saw fit to bestow the marvellous
gift of eloquence. And reviewing all that has come
down to us in regard to him, whether by record or
tradition, let me say that I cannot escape the conviction

that since the discovery of America, he stands, in intellectual endowment, without a peer in the Indian race.

But the occasion seems to me to demand no lengthened discourse. The story of Red Jacket's life, so far as it has reached us of the European race, may be found in many publications. It would be useless to say more ; and I conclude as I began by declaring it to be my opinion that our obligations to the gentlemen, by whose persistent endeavors this beautiful and enduring tribute to the memory of Red Jacket has been erected, are very great. Our predecessors of the red race have almost altogether disappeared. Right or wrong, we are standing in their places. No one can tell how soon every representative of that race will have passed away, and what memorial of them will then be left? True, many of our lakes, rivers and mountain ranges, and many of our states and territories will preserve the euphonious Indian names. But what will then testify that the Indian was once the exclusive tenant of this-soil? That hillside and valley, lake and stream were his and his only, beyond question or controversy. I decline to enter upon any discussion of the justice of our title to this wide dominion, which was his, as it were, of yesterday. But it is right, emphatically right, that all who respect integrity, and patriotism and valor, should honor as you have honored the greatest and noblest specimen of the Indian race, and not any the less because of the warning which he gave to his people of what his prophetic soul saw clearly was to come.

When Mr. Day had finished speaking the Programme of Ancient Iroquois Rites was presented by the Seneca and Cayuga Chiefs, and closely followed, Chester C. Lay acting as interpreter, and John Jacket as leader.

These Indian Rites as performed by the Indians themselves around the graves, arrayed in bright costumes with ornaments and feathers, presented a scene of rare beauty; nothing like it will ever be witnessed again. For the Races which once were dominant on this continent, are now, alas, rapidly disappearing, leaving hardly any ethnological traces behind them.

After the song of condolence was sung by the Chiefs on their knees, and with right hands raised wistfully, the little band arose to their feet, and the grandson of Red Jacket, now older than that great Chief was at his death, gave in the Seneca tongue a final address, Chester C. Lay interpreting into English. He said :

I wish to make a few remarks.

I am grateful that we all feel so glad and happy together to-day.

I feel that the Great Spirit, because he saw it was good, gave us this beautiful day for these Rites.

Now about this stately monument, no white man here knows how long it will stand. But it shows that Red Jacket is befriended by the white people as well as by his own children.

Now therefore I will say, words cannot express the thanks I feel for this tribute to the memory of my ancestor.

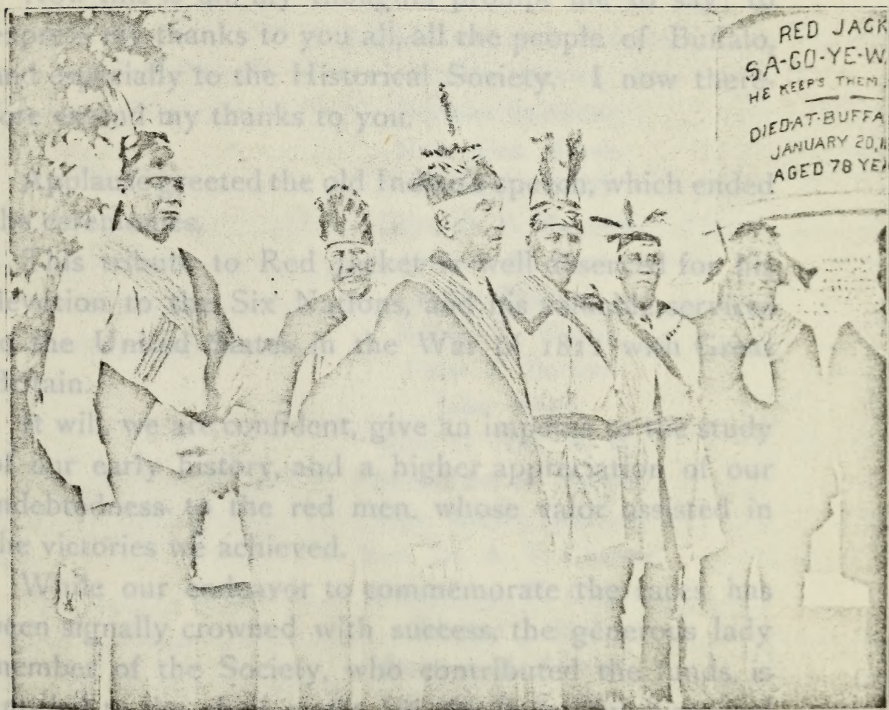
What I would say to you, is to show my gratefulness to the people who carved and set up this stone to commemorate my ancestor, Grandfather Red Jacket.

Also I feel glad in my heart that you have all learned from the Bible that men must love all peoples, including the poor Indians.

Now this is all my thoughts, present me to you, and thank you to you all, all the people of Buffalo and especially to the Historical Society. I now thank you for my thanks to you.

He selected the old Indian people, which ended the war to Red Jacket. He was a brave warrior, and a higher appreciation of our indebtedness to the red men, whose valor resulted in the victories we achieved.

While our endeavor to commemorate the past has been signally crowned with success, the generous lady member of the Society, who contributed the funds is



RED JACK
SA-GO-YE-W.
HE KEEPS THEM.
DIED AT BUFFA
JANUARY 20, 1754
AGED 78 YEARS

GROUP OF SENECA AT THE GRAVE OF RED JACKET.

memorial.*

*The First Report of the Red Jacket Monument Committee, submitted July 1891, and in Appendix "C."

FROM A PHOTO BY
SARAH M. HAZARD.

What I would say to you, is to show my gratefulness to the people who carved and set up this stone to commemorate my ancestor, Grandfather Red Jacket.

Also I feel glad in my heart that you have all learned from the Bible that men must love all peoples, including the poor Indians.

Now this is all, my thoughts prompt me to say; to express my thanks to you all, all the people of Buffalo, and especially to the Historical Society. I now therefore extend my thanks to you.

Applause greeted the old Indian's speech, which ended the ceremonies.

This tribute to Red Jacket is well deserved for his devotion to the Six Nations, and his valuable services to the United States in the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

It will, we are confident, give an impetus to the study of our early history, and a higher appreciation of our indebtedness to the red men, whose valor assisted in the victories we achieved.

While our endeavor to commemorate the races has been signally crowned with success, the generous lady member of the Society, who contributed the funds, is entitled to the chief credit for this beautiful historical memorial.*

*The Final Report of the Red Jacket Monument Committee, submitted July 14, 1892, will be found in Appendix "C."

NECROLOGY.

The necrology of the past year comprises the names of 19 members who have been removed by death.

Judge Richard P. Marvin,

Simeon Howes,

Norman Seymour,

Hon. Alex. Brush,

Nathaniel Hall,

Capt. D. P. Dobbins,

Francis H. Root,

Elihu Phinney,

Robert P. Wilson,

Peter P. Barton,

John White,

John D. Hill, M. D.,

Nicholson H. Parker,

Rev. Albert Bigelow,

Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester,

Hon. Geo. W. Curtis,

Edward J. Hall,

Stephen M. Clement,

David E. E. Mix.

NOTE.—The Society's tribute to the late Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester (whose demise occurred in August last) will be found in Appendix B.

INVITATIONS.

This Society was honored with the following invitations in the past year :

1st. To attend the celebration by the Minnesota Historical Society, Oct. 21st, 1892, of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America, by Christopher Columbus, in 1492.

2d. To attend the laying of the corner-stone of the new building of the Chicago Historical Society, Nov. 12, 1892.

3d. To be present at the opening of the New Libraries and Art Galleries of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, Conn., January 2d, 1893.

The invitations were accepted and acknowledged, but no delegates were sent.

VISITORS.

The Annual Report of the Society's progress would be incomplete without including in it the visitors for the year.

The rooms were open to the public free, and over 29,000 persons were admitted, and if there were an elevator in the building, thousands more, who were unable to climb the stairs, would have gladly come.

It was the banner year for stranger guests. They wandered at will through the Society's beautiful apartments, and many times have we been gratified by their expressions of admiration.

A few years ago a move was made to popularize the

Society, but this is not needed now, as the Society is known everywhere.

The ever-increasing number of visitors extend the knowledge of the Society and its work to every land.

HISTORICAL PICTURES.

Many and valuable have been the gifts to this collection.

Gen. Adrian R. Root presented The Garfield Memorial, representing scenes in the life of James A. Garfield, twentieth President, U. S.

Also a colored lithograph of Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md., 94th N. Y. Vols.

And 18 photos of camp scenes, 21st Regt., N. Y. Vols., taken at Fort Runyan, Va., July, 1861.

From Julius H. Dawes, a memento of President Jeff. Davis' visit to Atlanta, Ga., at the unveiling of Hon. Ben Hills' Monument.

From W. C. Moon, a photo of the old Holland House, Batavia, N. Y., built in 1806, and occupied by the Holland Land Company.

S. S. Guthrie, contributes a colored lithograph of the Ohio State Fair Grounds, at Newark, 1854, showing the ancient Indian fortifications.

From Geo. G. Barnum, photogravures of President Harrison and his Cabinet, 1889, and of the Duluth High School Building, the grandest structure dedicated to free public education in the wide world, erected at a cost of \$520,000.

From Charles D. Marshall, a colored print of Perry's Victory.

And a fine engraving of the great Elm Tree of Shackamaxon, now Kensington, Philadelphia, under which Wm. Penn concluded his treaty with the Indians in 1682.*

A handsome print of the wrecking of the famous steamer "Walk in the Water," Nov. 1st, 1821. Gift of C. M. Burton, Detroit, Mich.

Seven miscellaneous pictures were donated by Miss Eleanor Graff.

Thomas T. Fryer, of New York City, presented to the Society two fine engravings. "The signing of the death warrant of Lady Jane Grey, by Elizabeth," and the "Mexican News," taken during the Mexican War.

Also an Album of Confederate War Etchings, by Dr. A. I. Volck, of Baltimore, Agent of the Confederate Government, 29 in number, beautifully printed on Japan paper, mounted on card board, 11 x 13 inches.†

*This notable and historic tree fell during a storm in 1880. A block of marble was placed by the Penn Society in 1827 to mark the site of the Elm Tree and Treaty ground, and bears the inscription "Unbroken Faith."

†The above series of etchings was commenced in 1861, and continued at intervals until 1863. After publishing the first 10 in Baltimore, the publication was suppressed by the Federal Government.

The artist fled to Europe and continued the work, which was sent back by a blockade runner. The set was captured and destroyed.

In 1871 the artist returned, and a small edition was published; but public feeling was still so strong that it was deemed prudent to withdraw them.

The *Cosmopolitan Monthly* had an illustrated article but recently of 11 pages,

LAKE MARINE.

This collection, aside from statistics, consists of pictures, figure-heads, models and relics of the early pioneer boats, and reaches back to the French and English war of 1756.

We have received some very valuable gifts in this department worthy of notice.

J. R. Dobbins, of San Gabriel, Cal., and Mrs. James P. White, of this city, the only surviving children of the late Capt. D. P. Dobbins, (who desire to carry out the wishes of their father,) have presented to the Society a handsome model of his square-rigged schooner, named after him, built in 1863, now used as a barge, elegantly mounted in a glass case.

Two transparencies of the battle of Lake Erie; Perry's victory.

Wood of the Flag Ship Lawrence and Niagara, of Perry's fleet, originally designed by Capt. Dobbins for a small cabinet. Also the historic arms chest of the Flag Ship Lawrence and the handsome mahogany wine case of Commodore Perry.

This wine case was presented to their grandfather, Capt. Daniel Dobbins, U. S. Navy, by Commodore

by Murat Halstead, on this subject. As he describes but 23 plates, his set must have been incomplete.

The artist shows genius in caricature, combined with artistic and technical ability of the finest order.

The work is essential in any collection relating to the war of the Rebellion.

They might more properly be called "Historic Illustrations of the Confederacy."

Perry, on board his shattered Flag Ship Lawrence, at anchor in Misery Bay, off Erie, Pa., Oct. 23d, 1813.

A glass cabinet has been provided by the Society for its exhibition and preservation.

Mrs. Emily B. Alward presented some small relics of the schooner Porcupine, another vessel of Perry's fleet, that participated in the battle of Lake Erie, in the war of 1812 with Great Britain.

A handsome cane, made from the famous steamer Caroline, after she went over the Falls, during the Patriot War, 1837, was purchased by a few members for the Society's collection, and presented by the Hon. Elias S. Hawley.

PAPERS READ.

The usual course of historical lectures was given fortnightly last winter by the Society at its rooms to large, select and appreciative audiences.

The following is a list of the topics presented :

1st. On Christopher Columbus. By Henry W. Hill, Esq.

2d. How we weathered the storm in Kansas. By Rev. William Waithe, Ph. D.

3d. Interesting landmarks in the Holy Land. By Prof. F. W. Lamy.

4th. Liberty in Spain. By Rev. John Paul Egbert.

We express our deep obligations to the gentlemen who have prepared historical papers and read them before the Society. Their prompt and efficient response

to our calls are among the choicest subjects of recollection.

Let us hope that in the near future the Historical Society will have the means to continue its publications.

Many of the papers which still remain in manuscript are compiled with great literary taste, and are of absorbing interest.

NUMISMATICS.

The accessions to the Society's Numismatic Cabinets, during the past year, have been one gold English Guinea, coined in the reign of George III, 1791; 34 silver and 123 copper and other coins; 6 miscellaneous medals, in bronze, white metal and brass.

The events for which these medals were designed are the following:

The Coronation of Queen Victoria, 28th June, 1838.

The Firemen's Tournament at Troy, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1886.

Twenty-third Saengerfest of the National Saengerbund, Buffalo, 1883.

The 100th Anniversary of the Battle and Massacre of Wyoming, July 3, 1778.

And a Winter Carnival at Montreal.

One of the first of the Columbian Souvenir coins, issued by the U. S., was presented by Andrew Langdon, Esq.

Miss Eleanor Graff was the largest contributor of the year to this collection.

A list of the numerous donors and their gifts will be found appended to this report.

MEMBERSHIP.

Since our last annual meeting there have been added to the membership of the Society 23 annual and 12 life members. The entire membership at the present time is 635, viz.: 110 life, 238 corresponding, 18 honorary, 48 resident, and 221 annual.

This is the largest number of paying members that the Society ever had, and it speaks well for Buffalo.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

Among the additions to this department may be mentioned a very perfect and complete birch bark canoe, such as are in use by the Indians on the upper lakes.

It is 14 feet in length, and easily carried by one man.

Its construction shows clever work and pronounced skill, and illustrates Indian life and handicraft. The paddle accompanies the canoe. Gift of the Hon. Ray V. Pierce, M. D.*

A fine flint spear head, a stone corn pounder and a stone skin dresser, plowed up on Grand Island. Gift of J. H. Stoneway.

Eleven group photographs, taken by donor, of the Indian chiefs who took part in the unveiling ceremonies

*This canoe was purchased of "Rising Sun," a Chippewa Indian Chief, at a fishing station near Otter Cove, Lake Superior, about 150 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, by Dr. Pierce, who coasted along the length of Lake Superior in this same canoe.

of the Red Jacket Statue, 22d June last, finely executed and tastefully framed. Gift of Miss Sarah M. Hazard.

Photographs of Sioux Chiefs Antoine Frenier, Indian Interpreter, Little Crow and Red Iron, leaders in the massacre of 1862 in Minnesota. Gift of Mrs. R. F. Slaght.

A fine photograph taken in Boston, full length of Princess "Irinemucca," of the "Piutes." The princess died in 1890. Gift of Susie A. Crowe, Rochester, N. Y.

Coroner H. B. Ransom presented the Society with a skull, 2 leg bones, and other relics of human anatomy, together with 2 brass kettles, being a small part of the find by some workmen while excavating for a new street near the Buffalo Creek, where Clinton Street crosses the city line.

The relics are beyond doubt the remains of the ancient Kaw-Kwahs, a portion of the Neutral Nation, which became extinct somewhat over 200 years ago.

A framed photograph of human bones, being a portion of over 50 skeletons, taken from an Indian mound in the town of Gerry, near the village of Sinclairville, in Chautauqua County, in May 1887.

They are the bones of people of the Erie or Cat Nation, belonging to the Huron-Iroquois family of Nations, and once were occupants of the territory of Chautauqua County.

They were buried according to the custom of that race, prior to 1655. Gift of Obed Edson, of Sinclairville, Chautauqua County.

Ten Indian arrow points from Dr. Chauncey Pelton Smith.

Group photogravures, framed, of seven Sioux warriors and two chiefs of the Ponca tribe, "Standing Bear" and "White Eagle," both presented by Geo. S. Hazard.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

In the summary of contributions for the year 1892, which accompanies this report, will be found a complete list of the donors of printed documents, framed and unframed, the valuable historical manuscripts, miscellaneous papers and parchments, the many war letters, among which are a large volume written on the battle field, and numerous other articles which time will not permit us to particularize.

CONCLUSION.

From the detailed report submitted by your Board, who have been entrusted with the management of the Society's affairs, you cannot fail to notice undoubted evidence of growing prosperity in all departments of our collection.

We hope our labors have not been altogether fruitless.

Pleasant generally, they have been to us, though at times arduous and full of responsibility, and we indulge the conviction that they have not been without some interest and profit to our members and to the community at large.

That we have come up to our own ideal of a Historical Society, we are far from asserting, but we have done what we could, amid the trials and discouragements that have surrounded us, and the results are before you.

We feel assured, however, that in the rapid growth of the population, and in the increasing facilities of intelligence, and of wealth which are enjoyed, there is a cheering prospect of *still better things* in the future for this Society. Gratefully acknowledging the efficient and kind assistance of the many patrons of the Society, who have sealed their friendship by substantial gifts, during the year that has elapsed, your Board solicit for it their continued interest and support.

The report was unanimously accepted and adopted, and on motion of Mr. Dawes, 2,000 copies were ordered printed in the same form as last year.

Dr. Greene moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to select and place in nomination officers and councillors for the ensuing year. Carried.

President Hazard named as such committee Dr. J. C. Greene, Dr. A. H. Briggs, Hon. James O. Putnam, Henry W. Hill, and Frank H. Severance.

The committee submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted, viz. :

President—Julius H. Dawes.

Vice-President—Geo. W. Townsend.

Recording Secretary—Henry W. Hill.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer—Geo. G. Barnum.

Councillors—Geo. S. Hazard, Joseph C. Greene, M. D., James Tillinghast, Andrew Langdon, Martin Clark, Hon. Elias S. Hawley, Isaac Geiershofer, Josiah Letchworth, William K. Allen, W. H. H. Newman, Merritt Nichols, Albert H. Briggs, M. D., Ellis Webster, Wm. C. Bryant.

On motion of Dr. Greene the Recording Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for the names presented by the committee for the respective offices, for all members present who did not desire to vote individually. No person expressing a desire to so vote, the Secretary cast a ballot, and the President declared the parties named duly elected.

The retiring President, George S. Hazard, Esq., then read an able and interesting address, showing the great advancement made by the Society during the year.

PRESIDENT HAZARD'S ADDRESS.

Members of the Buffalo Historical Society, Ladies and Gentlemen :

As an address from the presiding officer on his retirement has become the rule, it gives me great pleasure at this annual meeting to express my congratulations upon the marked prosperity and popularity of your Society during the past year. From a struggling period of existence during its comparatively brief life of thirty years it has become a healthy, vigorous and indis-

pensable institution for collecting and diffusing useful information among all classes who are disposed to enjoy its privileges.

During the past year liberal additions of very interesting and exceedingly valuable material have been made to the departments of History, Archæology, Numismatics and Genealogy, also standard works of reference, and many rare mementos, relics, and documents of priceless value, donated by our citizens and friends remote, which is encouraging testimony of an increasing public interest and confidence in this Society as a safe depository for documents and articles of public importance.

Among its archives may be found pamphlets, newspapers and manuscripts describing every event worthy of record pertaining to the early settlement of this city and the western counties of the State, which cannot be obtained elsewhere, and so systematically arranged by our excellent Secretary that any article described in the catalogues can be furnished at a moment's notice.

The museum contains a large and rich collection of objects of an interesting character, and there can be no better evidence of its attractiveness and educational influence than the large number of people visiting it from the city and country, far and near; nearly thirty thousand were counted during the past year. It must be admitted that a very great number of these visitors not only obtained much pleasure, but a considerable amount of instruction. It is unnecessary to attempt a description of the donations received during the year,

as a detailed statement will be found in Secretary Barnum's forthcoming report.

I cannot, however, refrain from mentioning a gift of rare value to the people of the western counties of this State from the Hon. Henry I. Glowacki, of Batavia, comprising the original title deeds, surveys, field notes, maps, a voluminous correspondence, and other interesting details of the celebrated "Holland Land Company's" purchase of several million acres of land in the territory now known as the counties of Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegheny, Wyoming and Orleans. These records, supplemented by those previously in possession of this Society, are of inestimable value in determining vexed questions regarding original titles and boundaries of farm lands and even of village and city lots within the limits of the above named counties.

Although these important documents have been greatly coveted and sought for by men in high authority, our good friend, Mr. Glowacki, wisely preferred placing them among the archives of the Buffalo Historical Society as the most appropriate and convenient place for reference and preservation.

We can scarcely realize that this immense territory, embracing more than three million of acres, so recently the haunt of savage Indian tribes and covered with the primeval forest, is now overspread with highly cultivated farms, fruitful orchards, wealthy commercial cities and villages, and inhabited by a million or more of industrious, intelligent and prosperous people, many of whose

homes are models of luxury and refinement. We are thus reminded that our local history is of a very modern date, and especially so when we contrast the spectacle presented to our view from the majestic domes and towers of old cities in Europe, where can be read at a glance the history of more than a thousand years of man's unceasing toil, with that we obtain from the highest spires of our own favorite city, where all that the eye can embrace of its extent and beauty has been accomplished within the space of a century. The comparison impresses us with a sense of the wonderful progressiveness and success of American enterprise, and that our history is still in its infancy. Let us therefore be careful that the record of its manhood shall be so exempt from the errors and omissions of its youth, that its old age may rejoice in an honorable retrospect.

The primary objects of this Society are to collect, preserve and perpetuate all worthy and well authenticated historical matter, not only of the past, but of the present period, and hand down the names of those in any condition of life who have by act or example distinguished themselves in elevating the standard of intellectual, scientific, mechanical, commercial, military or other professional pursuits, and last, but not least, to inculcate a higher appreciation of all that is good and beautiful in art, music and literature.

The men and women of our period make its history, and the meed of praise belongs not alone to the highly educated and professional classes, but equally to those who, blest with gifts beyond their own consciousness,

have labored in silence and poverty until the light divine suddenly awakens the dormant talent or genius which bestows unmeasured blessings on mankind. And there are noble women, "not a few," whose lives are bright examples of good works and of that "charity which never faileth," with others who are distinguished, not only as lovers of art, but for their skill in designing and execution, as well as their generous encouragement to aspiring students.

Also many who have achieved eminent success in literature. All these deserve honorable mention in the annals of this Society.

There are thousands of men to whom the gift of genius was never vouchsafed, who, by industry, close observation and good habits, have acquired sufficient useful knowledge to become not only practical leaders, but distinguished masters in their special occupations; they are the men who build our costly public edifices, elegant churches, our beautiful and artistic residences, our railroads, massive structures, colossal bridges and tunnels through impassable mountains and under rivers.

Skillful engineers and architects may design and plan stupendous and seemingly impossible undertakings, but without the aid of practical and experienced builders their elaborate paper projections would fail of honest and proper construction.

The library has steadily increased in volume during the year, but is seriously deficient and inadequate to the demand for standard historical, biographical, and genealogical works. In regard to the latter, with some

exceptions, an apparent general indifference has existed in the study of this interesting subject; many being careless and even ignorant of an ancestry more remote than parents and grandparents. It is, however, gratifying to know that there is manifestly an increasing enquiry for books and records on this subject.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the Society is entirely out of debt and that the permanent fund amounts to about thirty-three thousand dollars. This sum includes all former bequests and payments for life membership. As no portion of the principal of this fund can be used for any purpose whatever, the limited income from it, with the annual dues for ordinary membership, greatly restricts the efforts of the Society to increase its usefulness, as the current expenses nearly or quite exhaust the entire income; but we live in hope that the virtue of generosity and good-will still exists in the hearts of our friends, and if they must deny themselves the pleasure of giving during their sojourn here, they will give the Society the satisfaction when they depart from among us of recording their names in grateful remembrance. There has been an encouraging addition to the membership during the year, and it is very pleasant to note that the names of several distinguished ladies have been added to the list of life members, and it is hoped that others will follow their example, as no good work can flourish without the aid and inspiring influence of woman.

I take pleasure in again expressing my appreciation of the valuable and unremitting service of our good

friend and secretary, Mr. Barnum, by whose zeal and popularity much material wealth has been added to the Society.

To our librarian, Miss Hawley, great praise is due for the excellent arrangement of her department and exquisite taste in displaying in proper order the curios, coins and bric-a-brac in the cases.

I take this opportunity to tender my thanks to my associates, members of the Board of Councillors, for their uniform kindness and courtesy during my term of office.

Mr. Putnam moved that the President's address be incorporated in the report to be published. Carried.

Mr. Putnam spoke of the faithful manner in which President Hazard had performed all duties in connection with his office, and especially of the large increase in memberships, mainly due to his efforts, and moved a vote of thanks to the retiring President for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Society, which was carried unanimously.

On motion Dr. Greene and Mr. Hill escorted President-elect Dawes to the chair, where he was cordially greeted by the retiring President, and briefly and pleasantly returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

On motion of Dr. Greene the thanks of the Society were tendered to Secretary Townsend for services rendered, and the great interest he has at all times taken in the affairs of the Society.

Dr. Greene then spoke eloquently and feelingly in regard to the invaluable services of Secretary and Treasurer Barnum, and moved a vote of thanks for his services rendered, which was carried unanimously.

The following resolution, submitted by Gen. John C. Graves, was read by Mr. Hill, viz :

Resolved, That a committee of three members of the Society be appointed by the chair for the purpose of securing additions to our Library, especially in the department of Genealogy and Biography ; that they be empowered to solicit contributions of books and of money for purchasing such books as to them may seem most valuable and important ; and also to expend the money which they may so collect in their own discretion in making additions to the Library of the Society.

Mr. Hill moved an amendment to the resolution, making the committee four, and as amended it was adopted, and President Dawes named as such committee Gen. John C. Graves, Chairman, Hon. Elias S. Hawley, S. S. Guthrie, and Frank H. Severance.

Mr. Hill referred to a resolution of the Board on the 6th ult., requesting Mr. Frank H. Severance to secure for the archives of the Society all the information possible relating to the war of 1812, from survivors and relatives of survivors of the war.

Mr. Severance, who was present, reported progress, and stated that at the next meeting of the Board he would be pleased to make a detailed report.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892.

A.

Abbott, Frank W., M. D., Buffalo: 16 volumes of *The Nation*.

Adams, Charles F., Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.

Adams, Judge F. G., Topeka, Kan.: 1 paper.

Afonso, Balis, Buffalo: 8 old bronze Roman coins.

Akin, Miss Arabella, Machias, N. Y.: 24 U. S. copper coins.

Alward, Emily B., Buffalo: Relics of schooner Porcupine, Perry's fleet.

American Catholic Historical Society, Phila., Pa.: 3 bulletins.

American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.

Atkins, Hiram, Montpelier, Vt.: 1 volume.

B.

Baker, Col. D. C., Buffalo: 1 paper.

Balch, Galusha B., M. D., Yonkers, N. Y.: 5 pamphlets.

Bancroft, James F., Buffalo: 18 pieces fractional currency.

Barnum, Geo. G., Buffalo: 4 U. S. silver and 12 U. S. copper coins, 2 pieces fractional currency, 2 photogravures, 1 volume, 4 pamphlets and 1 magazine.

Barnum, Clara, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: 1 paper.

Bathaglio, Toni, Buffalo: 1 Italian copper coin.

Benjamin, W. E., New York: 3 pamphlets.

Berry, John M., Worcester, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.

Birch's, Thos., Sons, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.

Bissell, Herbert P., Buffalo: 1 volume.

Bixby, James, W., Buffalo: 8 papers.

Blain, Estate of Arnabel F., Chicago, Ill.: 6 pieces old and rare china.

Boardman, John M., M. D., Buffalo: 28 volumes, 3 pamphlets, 5 leaflets, 4 papers, 4 maps and 1 cartoon.

- Boston University, Mass.: 1 volume.
 Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Bowman, John, Buffalo: Fragment of shell, War 1812, dug up at Fort Erie.
 Brandell, Philip, Buffalo: 1 Spanish silver coin, 25 cents, 1802, and 7 U. S. copper coins.
 Brownell, Isaac W., New York: 1 paper.
 Buck, Geo. S., Buffalo: 3 papers.
 Buffalo Board of Health: 12 statements of mortality.
 Buffalo Board of Police: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Free Kindergarten Association: 15 magazines.
 Buffalo General Hospital: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Grade Crossing Commissioners: 1 volume.
 Buffalo Merchant's Exchange: 1 pamphlet and 1 leaflet.
 Buffalo Park Commission: 2 volumes and 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo State Hospital: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences: 16 pamphlets.
 Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 8 volumes and 2 pamphlets.
 Bureau of Ethnology, Washington: 4 volumes and 1 pamphlet.
 Burton, C. M., Detroit, Mich.: A print of the wrecking of the Walk in the Water and 1 magazine.
 Butterworth, Hon. Benjamin, Chicago, Ill.: 97 leaflets and 10 pamphlets.
 Butler, E. H., Buffalo: Complete file of the *Evening News* for 1892.
- C.**
- California Publishing Co., San Francisco: 1 magazine.
 Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 1 volume and 3 pamphlets.
 Chamberlayne, Charles F., Boston: 1 pamphlet.
 Chandler, John R., Buffalo: 1 silver coin of Guatemala Medio Reel, 1821.
 Charity Organization Society, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Chester, The Misses Katharine S. and Ellen K., Buffalo: 6 volumes.
 Chicago Historical Society, Ill.: 1 leaflet and invitation.
 Cincinnati Society of Natural History, Ohio: 3 journals.
 Claims Bureau, Washington, D. C.: 1 paper.
 Coann, Ez. T., Albion, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet and list of soldiers dead from Orleans Co., N. Y.
 Coats, Irving W., Shortsville, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
 Cobb, Lyman, Jr., Yonkers, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet and portrait of himself on steel.

- Colby University, Waterville, Me.: 3 pamphlets.
 Columbian World's Fair Transportation Bureau, Buffalo: 1 leaflet.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford: 1 volume and 1 pamphlet.
 Conover, Hon. Geo. S. Geneva, N. Y.: 1 paper and 2 leaflets.,
 Conover, Arthur L., Buffalo: 1 silver Spanish six-pence, 1820, and 1 Canadian ½ penny, 1840.
 Cooke, Josiah P., Cambridge, Mass.: 2 pamphlets.
 Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 1 volume and 12 pamphlets.
 Corlett, Thomas Gardiner, M. D., Chicago, Ill.: 1 photo portrait framed.
 Courier Company, Buffalo: Complete file of the *Morning Courier* for 1892.
 Crowe, Susie A., Rochester, N. Y.: Photo portrait.
 Cruickshank, Ernest, Fort Erie, Ont.: 1 pamphlet.
 Cuthbertson, D., City: 1 map.

D.

- Daniels, Judge Charles, Buffalo: 2 volumes and 1 parchment deed, 1536.
 Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica: 3 leaflets.
 Davis, Charles, Buffalo: 1 atlas and 1 pamphlet.
 Davis, Miles A., Dundee, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Dawes, Col. E. C., Cincinnati, Ohio: 1 volume.
 Dawes, Julius H., Buffalo: Specimens of envelopes and stamps used in the South during the war. A miniature canteen, representing the Blue and the Grey, worn by the soldiers at the unveiling of Hon. Ben Hill's monument. An ink stand, 100 years old. A memento of Jeff. Davis, framed. 1 volume and 5 tin boxes, prepared for the Holland Land Co.'s papers.
 Day, Hon. David F., Buffalo: MS. Address at the unveiling of Red Jacket Statue, June 22d, 1892.
 Dedham Historical Society, Mass.: 3 pamphlets.
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 Dobbins, Heirs of Capt. D. P., Buffalo: 33 volumes, 12 maps, 9 charts, 134 pamphlets, 13 volumes, journals and log books; wood of the Lawrence and Niagara, 2 transparencies of Battle Lake Erie, the arms chest of the flag-ship Lawrence and wine case of Commodore Perry; model of his schooner in a glass case.
 Drake, Samuel Adams, Kennebunkport, Me.: 1 pamphlet.
 Duke, E. W., London, Ont.: 1 English silver coin, ½ crown, George III, 1768.
 Duren, Hon. E. F., Bangor, Me.: 1 volume.
 Durvett, Col. R. T., Louisville, Ky.: 1 paper.

E.

- Editors, *The Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal*: 1 volume.
 Edmonds, T. G., Buffalo: 2 5c. U. S. nickel coins, 1879 and 1883.
 Edson, Obed, Sinclairville, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets and 1 photo.
 Egle, W. H., M. D., Harrisburg, Pa.: 13 volumes and 3 pamphlets.
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 Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.: 1 volume and 6 pamphlets.
 Exchanges, Buffalo: 2 volumes.

F.

- Fairfield County Historical Society, Conn.: 1 pamphlet.
 Fiscus, G. A., Buffalo: 4 volumes, 9 pamphlets, 7 maps, 2 leaflets, 18 papers, 3 badges and 2 medals.
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 Friends' Free Library, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
 Friends' Book Association, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
 Fryer, Thomas T., New York: 1 chromotype, framed, 2 steel engravings, 1 album war etchings and 13 volumes.
 Fuller, J. Morrison, Boston, Mass.: 7 papers.
 Funk & Wagnalls, New York: Complete file of the *Voice* for 1892.

G.

- Gay, Julius, Farmington, Conn.: 1 pamphlet.
 Gentsch, Hon. B. F., Buffalo: 1 photo, framed.
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 Glazier, Capt. Willard, Detroit, Mich.: 1 paper.
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H.

- Haight, R. J., Publisher, Chicago, Ill.: 2 journals.
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 Henkels, Stan. V., Philadelphia, Pa.: 2 volumes and 2 pamphlets.
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Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati: 2 pamphlets.
Hoppin, H. P., St. Paul, Minn.: 1 pamphlet.
Huguenot Society of America, New York: 1 pamphlet.
Huntingdon, D. C., Suspension Bridge, N. Y.: 1 map.
Hyde Park Historical Society, Mass.: 4 pamphlets.

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J.

James, A. R., Buffalo: A piece of genuine hunger bread, Russia.
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K.

Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka: 1 volume.
Keystone Publishing Co., Buffalo: 2 journals.
King, Hon. Horatio, Washington, D. C.: 1 journal and 1 pamphlet.
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L.

Labar, Alex. C., Buffalo: 25c. Confederate Treasury Note.
Lancaster Library, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Langdon, Andrew, Buffalo: 1 U. S. Columbian souvenir coin, 1892, and a piece of lace wrought by the hand of Martha Washington.
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Letchworth, Hon. Wm. P., Glen Iris, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
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Library Bureau, New York: 1 volume.

- Literary and Historical Society of Quebec : 1 pamphlet.
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M.

- McAllister, John A., Philadelphia, Pa. : 3 autographs.
 McKelvey, James, Juniata, Neb. : 1 powder flask.
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 Mack, Norman E., Buffalo : Complete file of the *Daily Times* for 1892.
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 Meadway, Mrs. Geo., Buffalo : 60 volumes, 39 pamphlets and 5 maps.
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O.

- Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, Columbus: 1 pamphlet.
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 Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.: 1 volume and 1 leaflet.
 Open Court Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.: Complete file of the *Open Court* for 1892.
 Osgood, Howard L., Rochester, N. Y.: 1 paper.

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- Peck, B. B., Indianapolis, Ind.: 1 pamphlet.
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T.

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W.

War Department, Washington, D. C.: 18 volumes.

Walworth, Mrs. Ellen Hardin, Washington, D. C.: 1 magazine.

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Wayland, John L., Buffalo : 1 silver coin of Bogota, 2½c. 1881.

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The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society is hereby authorized to, and shall set apart as a Trust Fund, all of the moneys and the proceeds of any real property heretofore bequeathed to it. The said money and property being now held and known as the Permanent Fund of said Society; and all moneys and the proceeds of any property hereafter given, granted or bequeathed to it, excepting money or real property specifically granted or bequeathed to it, for the use and occupation, or the purposes of said Society, and excepting articles of personal property held, given, granted or bequeathed for preservation and exhibition among its archives and historical mementos, shall be added to said Trust Fund and be made and become a part thereof. Such fund shall be designated as the "Permanent Trust Fund."

Sec. II. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions hereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

APPENDIX "A."

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Buffalo Historical Society to set apart certain funds as a Permanent Trust Fund, and to restrict the use and investment thereof.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1888. Passed, three-fifths being present.

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SEC. III. The said Trust Fund shall be invested in the following interest bearing securities: Bonds of the United States of America; bonds of the State of New York; bonds of the City of Buffalo; bonds of the County of Erie; and bonds of individuals, secured by first mortgages upon real estate, situate in the State of New York, worth at least double the amount secured to be paid by the bond accompanying the mortgage.

SEC. IV. Any manager or other officer of said Society who shall vote for or consent to the misapplication of said Trust Fund, or any part thereof, or any part of the income thereof, or to the investment of any part thereof, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

APPENDIX "B."

ON THE DEATH OF THE REV. DR. A. T. CHESTER.

At a meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society, held at its rooms, Aug. 9, 1892, called to take action on the death of Rev. Dr. Chester, Vice-President Julius H. Dawes, presided.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society has heard with regret of the death of the Rev. Dr. A. T. Chester, one of its members.

Dr. Chester has taken part in the management of this Society for many years, having been a member of it since July, 1862, having been one of its Board of Counsellors during many successive terms, and having for one year served as its President.

In all the long course of his connection with this Society, he

has always been zealous and efficient, painstaking and faithful in any service which could advance its interests.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board, that in the death of Dr. Chester the community has lost a most useful citizen, the Buffalo Historical Society an active and valued officer, and we personally an esteemed and trusted friend. He has closed at a ripe old age a life of strenuous, thorough unobtrusive effort for the benefit of others, and has been "gathered in like a shock of corn fully ripe."

Resolved, That the respectful sympathy of this Board for the family of the deceased in their bereavement be expressed by sending to them a copy of these resolutions, and that we attend the funeral in a body.

On the adjournment of the meeting, a transcript of the Resolutions was promptly made, and transmitted to the family. The rooms of the Society were ordered closed for the day, and crape displayed from the door, in recognition of the sad event.

APPENDIX "C."

FINAL REPORT OF THE RED JACKET MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom on the 1st day of October, 1890, was assigned the duty of erecting at Forest Lawn, in the City of Buffalo, a monument to the memory of Red Jacket, have the honor to report that they have discharged the same. It proved to be one requiring much care and attention from every member of the committee, and involving the

decision of a great many questions as to style of statue, selection of sculptor, acceptance of plans and models, and of completed work, and policy as to methods of procedure. We are happy to be able to say, that while some of those questions occasioned considerable discussion and investigation, in the course of which we had to send two sub-committees to New York, one to Cleveland and one to Philadelphia, the final action of the committee on each of them was entirely unanimous.

The record of twenty-five meetings of the committee, embracing with minutes of our proceedings copies of fifty-eight letters, contracts and other papers connected with them, was shortly after the completion of the statue filed with the Secretary of your Board, and will remain in the possession of the Historical Society. Since that record was completed, we have held three meetings, to perfect arrangements for Ceremonies of Unveiling and Dedication.

These ceremonies took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 22, 1892, and consisted of a prayer by John Jacket, the grandson and only living descendant of Red Jacket; appropriate remarks by Mr. Hazard, the President of the Historical Society; unveiling by John Jacket; an admirable oration by Hon. David F. Day; and highly interesting ancient Iroquois rites, pertinent to the occasion, performed by Seneca and Cayuga Chiefs.

The day was a delightful one, the attendance very large, and all the proceedings eminently successful.

The fund donated for the erection of the statue.....	\$10,000.00
has increased by accumulation of interest in the sum of.....	351 46
making together.....	\$10,351.46
- From it has been paid,	
To the sculptor	\$9,200.00
For photograph	7.50
Expenses of sub-committees	116.00
Insurance of model.....	24 00
	<u>\$ 9,347.50</u>
leaving on hand a balance of.....	\$ 1,003.96

which, by the terms of our contract with the generous donor of the fund, is subject to her order. The expenses of the unveiling ceremonies amounted in all to \$389.50. The bills for them have all been approved by your Board, and they have been paid from the General Fund of the Society, so that there is no outstanding indebtedness.

The duties of your committee having been performed, we request to be discharged.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. CLEMENT BRYANT,

Chairman.

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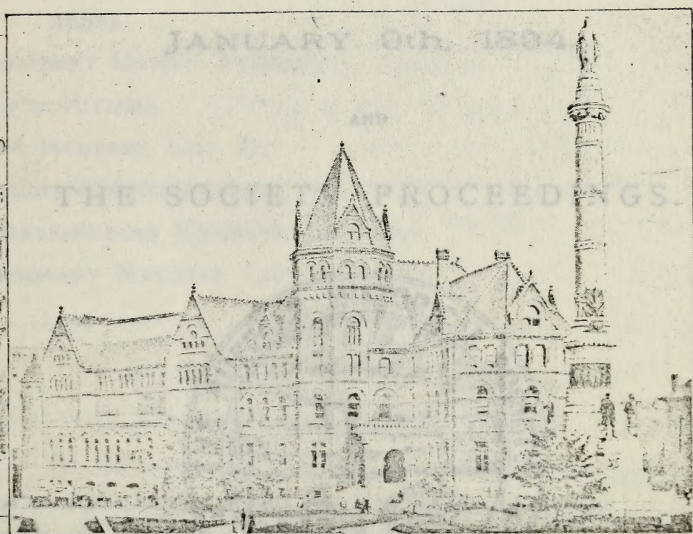
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JULIUS H. DAWES,	1893
ANDREW LANGDON,	1894

* Deceased.

FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

General Fund.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting was held at the rooms of the Society in the Buffalo Library Building, on Tuesday evening, January 9, 1894.

Julius H. Dawes, the retiring President, occupied the Chair.

In the absence of Secretary Hill, Geo. W. Townsend, acted as Secretary, *pro tem*.

The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The following Annual Report of the Board of Managers was then read by the Secretary:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

We invite your attention this evening to the following statement of the acquisitions and transactions of the Society for the past year:

FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

General Fund.

1893. Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	\$1,021.61
Dec. 31,	" Rec'd for Interest and Dues.....	2,627.74
		<u>\$3,649.35</u>

Contra.

1893. Dec. 31,	By Payment of Orders.....	\$2,964.63
	Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 684.72

NOTE.—Owing to the disturbed condition of the finances of the country, we could not make the usual collections of either dues or interest on mortgages, and it is a satisfaction to be able to report a balance at all.

Permanent Fund.

1893. Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	\$32,556.05
" 16,	" Estate of M. Hutchinson.....	500.00
" 28,	" S. M. Clement, Life Membership	50.00
	Balance in Treasury.....	<u>\$33,106.05</u>

NOTE.—This balance of the permanent fund and future additions, are protected by an Act of our Legislature, passed May 15, 1888. The interest *only* can be used for general expenses. For full text of this Act see Appendix "A."

Red Jacket Monument Fund.

1893. Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury	\$1,024.03
Dec. 31,	" Interest Rec'd during the year...	41.36
	Balance in Treasury.....	<u>\$1,065.39</u>

NOTE.—This Society has no Liabilities.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS.

The accessions to our Library since the last Annual Report have been 642 volumes, 837 pamphlets, and 106 miscellaneous periodicals, an increase over the previous year of 155 volumes and 55 pamphlets, making a

total of 7,774 volumes now in the Library, of which 6,683 volumes are bound, and 1,091 volumes unbound.

In the Library Annex there are 3,540 miscellaneous periodicals, 2,115 pamphlet reports, and 546 volumes in duplicate sets.

Our collection of historical pamphlets number 6,036 separate publications; 1,003 of them are bound up into 57 volumes and catalogued; the balance are arranged in 182 cases and indexed.

In the room set apart for duplicates we report a total of 1,581 volumes and 2,673 pamphlets.

Not having any fund for the purchase of books, the duplicates are exchanged as opportunity offers, to increase and improve the Library in its sets and specialties.

The work of recataloguing the Library, ordered some time ago by your Board, has been completed by Miss Hawley, and we record our high estimate of her fidelity and diligence.

The duplicates have all been weeded out, and we are enabled, for the first time, to report the correct number of volumes which it contains.

It would give us real pleasure to specify some of the rare books, and most appropriate to the purposes of this Society, which have been given to the Library during the year, but time will not permit us to go into it, and besides, where so many have made valuable contributions, it would seem invidious to select a few for special mention.

For every gift to the Library, or to the collections of the Society, we beg to tender our sincere thanks. The full list of contributors will be found appended to this report.

The oldest book in the Library was printed at Pesaro, Italy, in 1572. It was written originally by Aristurchi, in Greek, and translated into Latin by Pope Alexander, subject: "The Magnitude and Distances of the Sun and Moon."

NEWSPAPERS.

Seventy-three volumes have been added to this department in the year just closed, and the Society's thanks are gratefully tendered to the numerous publishers and donors for their generous contributions.

The constantly increasing use of these papers (which present an almost daily epitome of the world's doings) demonstrates their value and usefulness.

The entire number now in the collection is 1,042 volumes, of which 870 volumes are bound, and 172 volumes unbound.

In addition we have 198 bound volumes of duplicates and 98 bound volumes deposited.

The number of single newspapers sent us containing historical, biographical and antiquarian articles increases every year, and will prove a rich collection for historical reference.

The total number of slips that have already been filed and carefully catalogued is 1,139.

HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS.

The following manuscripts were received during the year :

A large collection of original manuscript records of the Seneca Nation.

These valuable papers and documents were presented by the widow of the late Maris B. Pierce, a leading Seneca Chief and literary genius.

They cover a period of some seventy years of Seneca history, with tolerable completeness, and throw light on a still earlier period.

Chief Pierce's correspondence with government officials and noted men of the country contains much of special interest, while the memoranda of Treaties and Agreements are important as public papers.

They, together with the earlier contributions received from Mrs. Pierce, will all be assorted, neatly filed in book form, and duly indexed during the coming summer ready for the study and enjoyment of the Society's members later.

From John A. Hayward we have received an original manuscript sermon, delivered by the late Dr. Hosmer before 62,000 soldiers in front of Port Hudson in the spring of 1864, subject : John 10th and 16th, "And there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

With these additions we can report 41 volumes and 207 single manuscripts.

The oldest manuscript volume in the collection is a scientific treatise on Theology, in three parts, beautifully written and illuminated in Antique German in 1576.

PAPERS READ.

The following papers relating to historical subjects, were read before the Society last winter.

The meetings were well attended and have been productive of very gratifying results:

1. The Pagan Afterglow, by Rev. Thomas R. Slicer.
2. A Portrait by Lely, and a Book by Burnett, by Robert Cameron Rogers.
3. The Battle of Waterloo, by Prof. Henry P. Emerson.
4. Niagara and the Poets, by Frank H. Severance.

These papers were carefully prepared and deeply interesting.

The Society's grateful thanks were extended to the authors of the various papers, and requested them for publication. A grand opportunity is given at these meetings, and should be improved, for making new acquaintances and renewing old ones.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

The already large and precious collection of oil portraits is constantly increasing.

Among those which have been added the past year may be mentioned that of the late Orson Phelps, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Buffalo.

This portrait was painted by Ammi Farnham, the well known artist, and was the gift to the Society of Mrs. Calista M. Phelps.

We are also indebted to John E. Robie, for the por-

trait executed by S. N. Potter, of his late father, so long editor of the *Christian Advocate*.

And to Mrs. Albert Bigelow, Harrisburgh, Pa., for that of the late Juba Storrs, whose story is one with that of our city.

This portrait is from the pencil of the Rev. Albert Bigelow, deceased.*

Also to Bvt. Brig. General Geo. B. Dandy, late Colonel 100th Regt. N. Y. Vols., for a fine portrait in oil of himself, painted from life, by Charles C. Coleman, at Carolina City, N. C., in 1863.

This souvenir of the gallant Board of Trade Regiment of Buffalo is held in high estimation by this Society. See appendix "E" for sketch of his career.

Mrs. Anna Hoxsie Cook put us in possession of a fine Crayon portrait of the late Augustus Chapman Hoxsie, M. D., for twenty years a well beloved physician of this city, practising the Homeopathic School of medicine.

Guilford W. Francis presented an excellent photo portrait, life size, of his late father, William C. Francis, a prominent merchant of this city. Few of Buffalo's

* Mrs. Bigelow, in her letter making the gift to the Society, gives the following interesting historical sketch of the subject of this portrait:

"Juba Storrs was a brother of the late Gen. Lucius Storrs, of this city. He came to Buffalo Creek in 1809, and was one of the firm of Juba Storrs & Co., the other partners being Lucius Storrs and the late Benjamin C. Caryl. They built the first brick store erected in Buffalo, at the north-west corner of Washington street, or what was then known as Crow street, now Exchange street. This building was burned with the rest of the village in December, 1813. Mr. Juba Storrs returned to his old home in Mansfield, Conn., in 1825, where he spent the remainder of his life."

younger business men were better known or more highly respected than Wm. C. Francis.

General Wm. B. Rochester sent us, from Washington, a fine photograph of his deceased father, Wm. B. Rochester, President United States Branch Bank, Buffalo, 1835.*

Two photographs, imperial size, of New Zealand natives, a "Maori Man and Woman," the most intelligent of all aboriginal races, were donated by the Hon. D. S. Alexander. †

Ten cabinet photos of English celebrities, in a handsome frame, was the gift of Chas. W. Woolley, Sr. ‡

Charles A. Clark presented three framed group pho-

* General Rochester in making the presentation, said :

"I do not suppose there are any of the older inhabitants who will recognize in this a most excellent likeness of my father.

"Among his business associates were Bela D. Coe, David E. Evans, Charles Townsend, Sheldon Thompson, Judge Peacock, David Burt and others.

"I remember seeing, when a boy, Mr. Salter, Mr. Lacey and Benjamin C. Caryl in the U. S. Branch Bank.

"The Bank stood on the east side of Main street, directly opposite St. Paul's Church. The same corner was occupied in later years by the Phelps House, which has also gone out of existence."

† The men tattoo their faces according to rank, and the women tattoo their chins when they get married. The photographs represent the highest type of the men and women, and the highest rank.

‡ These photographs are taken from engraved copies of portraits of the Sovereigns of England, and of what is known in history as the Stuart Dynasty, and they illustrate English history for 111 years, from 1603, union of the Crowns of Scotland and England, to 1714, when the Georges came in.

Historical sketches of the subjects of these portraits in a MS. volume accompanied the gift, and may be found in the archives of the Society.

tos of Officers in 27th N. Y. Battery and ex-Commanders in Buffalo Batteries, taken in August, 1863.

Wesley D. Allen, the well-known Insurance Adjuster, who has resided here over half a century, adds a photo likeness of himself, with his autograph.

The Hon. David F. Day contributed a fine copper-plate engraving of himself.

From Wm. C. Bryant we received the portraits of the Mayor and Common Council, City of Buffalo, 1860, framed.

William Thurstone, the honored Secretary Buffalo Board of Trade from May, 1863, and of Merchant's Exchange from 1882, gave us a framed photograph of himself, with his autograph.

Frederick H. James, M. D., of Lancaster, N. Y., whom we all know so well, presented the Society with an excellent crayon portrait, life size, of himself.

Gifts of unframed portraits to the albums and portfolios of the Society were received from LeRoy Parker, Henry S. Hotchkiss, William Thurstone, John W. Leech and Geo. G. Barnum.

The whole number of portraits framed and preserved upon our walls January 1st, was 594, and in portfolios, unframed, 84.

Our photographs of a smaller size, of citizens and others, arranged in albums and carefully indexed, number 835.

This Society may well pride itself upon the possession of such a gallery of portraits of noted Indian

Chiefs, Old Pioneers and prominent Buffalonians, War Heroes and distinguished men.

HISTORICAL PICTURES AND DOCUMENTS FRAMED.

Among the accessions for the year we may enumerate the following :

A reminiscence of the great Vigilance Committee of San Francisco in 1856, gift of Henry E. Perrine.

A framed Pass over the bridges within the lines of the Army of the Potomac, August 15, 1861, presented by Norman Hyde.

Certificates of the donors' membership in Engine Co. No. 15, New York City, August 8, 1815, and of the New York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves, April 13, 1853. Donated by Hampton Dodge.

Geo. S. Hazard contributed a beautiful colored lithograph of the Great East River Suspension Bridge.

Charles W. Woolley, Sr., added a photo of the Battle of La Hogue.

The Hon. N. K. Hopkins gave us a fine picture of the New York State Capitol, in water colors.

Company C, 74th Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., sent us a colored lithograph of the Washington Grays, 8th Regiment, N. Y. State Troops, on special duty at Camp Washington, Sept. 11th, 1852. The following letter of Gen. Wm. F. Rogers, under date of May 6, 1893, accompanied the presentation of the picture :

Lieut. Joseph A. Voisin, Co. C, 74th Regt. N. G. S. N. Y., Buffalo, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR.—I have your favor of the 4th making inquiry as to how the lithograph representation of the Eighth Regiment, Washington Grays, came into the possession of the Company.

It was some time during the "fifties" that Company F, Eighth Regiment, Capt. Leander Buck, made an excursion from New York City to Niagara Falls by way of Buffalo.

Company F spent part of two days at Buffalo, and was received and entertained by Company C, 74th Regiment, then under my command.

The picture was presented by Company F to Company C in recognition of the courtesies extended during their visit to Buffalo. Col. Geo. D. Scott, now commanding the Eighth Regiment, was a private in Company F at that time.

Very truly yours,

WM. F. ROGERS.

From Rufus A. Grider, Canajoharie, N. Y., a sketch of three ancient powder horns and their history, with a view of Sabbath Day Point and Watch Island, Lake George, where General Putnam's watch interrupted and dispersed an expedition of the English, who were on their way toward Albany.

From Geo. G. Barnum a sketch of the life of John Brown, with his portrait; picture of his fort at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and photograph of his grave; also a picture of the Eagle Street Theatre, and programme opening night, July 20, 1835.

Two fine photographs, one of Napoleon's residence at Longwood, St. Helena,* and the other of the battle field of the Thames.† Presented by William Henry Harrison Webster, ex-U. S. Consul, at Chatham, Ont.

* This picture was sent to Mr. Webster by the Consul at the Island of St. Helena, and the house is in the same condition as the day the great Napoleon died, and about the only relic, left on the Island, of Napoleon.

† This battle was won by General William Henry Harrison, and closed the war of 1812. The walnut tree in the picture was the centre of the British line, and a little to the right is the spot where Tecumseh, the great Indian Chief, was killed, and who now lies buried where he fell.

Photographs of the Old Buffalo Cotton Factory on Canal, foot of Court street, taken in 1866, showing canal front and Fourth street front. Gift of Edwin Curtiss. *

The total number of pictures, framed, is 195. In portfolios, unframed, 193.

MAPS, CHARTS, SURVEYS AND ATLASES.

Seven valuable and interesting maps, and thirteen atlases, to accompany the official records of the Union and Confederate armies have been received from the following donors: John A. Hayward, Washington; War Department, Washington; J. W. Jordon, Philadelphia; Judge L. L. Lewis, William Thurstone, and Hon. Allen D. Scott.

The whole number now in the Library, printed and manuscript, are 711 maps, 95 charts, 91 surveys, 42 atlases.

THE CURRENCY COLLECTION.

The following contributions to this department have been kindly tendered the Society:

One-sixth of a dollar, Continental currency, 1776. Gift of S. D. Bryant, Galloway, N. Y.

* The Old Buffalo Cotton Factory was erected about 1840. In the fall of 1861 it was converted into a malt house by Lyman L. and Charles G. Curtiss, who continued that business till 1873 (with Edwin Curtiss, Manager and General Superintendent), when they sold to A. McPherson, who used it two years longer as a malt house, when it passed into the hands of the Buffalo Grape Sugar Company.

A five dollar note on the James River, Kanawha Co. Gift of R. A. Brock, Richmond, Va.

Three pieces Confederate fractional currency, 1862, '64. and '65. Gift of Julius H. Dawes.

A three cent U. S. fractional currency, 1863. Gift of W. C. Florian, Springville, N. Y.

A fifty dollar Confederate bill, 1861. Gift of J. R. Van Natter.

Ten pieces Massachusetts, and one piece South Carolina Colonial fractional scrip, 1775 and 1776. Gift of Prof. Chas. H. Wing, Ledger, N. C.

Our collection now comprises 888 separate pieces of currency.

BEQUESTS.

Your Board have the pleasure to report the payment of the following bequest made to this Society :

1893. January 16. Estate of Michael Hutchinson.....\$500.00

We are much gratified for this evidence of interest in the Society and its work.

This bequest of Mr. Hutchinson is the very best monument that could be devised for the perpetuation of his memory.

LAKE MARINE.

T. P. Carpenter presented the Society with a magnificent lithograph of one of the new iron steamers of the Northern Steamship Co., to ply between Buffalo and Duluth, richly framed. The total number of boats in this collection are 27 framed, and 7 unframed, to-

gether with a number of models and figure-heads, and many relics of the early navigators.

CASTS IN PLASTER.

This collection is growing and attaining historical interest.

Two casts in plaster, life size, are the additions for the year.

One of L. G. Sellstedt, artist, late Superintendent Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, modeled and presented by Mrs. John C. Graves.

The other is of our honored citizen, the late Dio Lewis, M. D. It is of European make, and a duplicate of one in marble, executed in Rome, by Miss Edmonia Lewis. Gift of his brother, Judge Loran L. Lewis.

The whole number of busts now in the collection is 29 in plaster, and one in marble, mounted on a handsome marble pedestal.

LITERARY EXCHANGES.

Many duplicates have been exchanged with the Department of the Interior during the past year to complete our set of the Congressional Record.

The usual exchanges with kindred institutions at home and abroad have also been carried on, and has resulted in great benefit to this Society.

We have also been fortunate in obtaining through the courtesies of the Bureaus at Washington much valuable literary matter which the U. S. Government is con-

stantly issuing, but do not get anything from our members of Congress.

AUTOGRAPHS.

Very considerable and much appreciated additions have been made to this department of our collection in the past year.

The following autographs were the gift of John E. Robie :

Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury.

A. G. Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania.

Sarah Josepha Hale, Authoress, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry W. Longfellow, Poet.

J. C. Fremont, Maj.-Gen. U. S. Army.

Francis E. Spinner, Treasurer U. S.

Prof. Louis Agassiz, Naturalist.

G. K. Warren, Maj.-Gen. U. S. Army.

Wm. Cullen Bryant, Poet.

W. F. Barry, Brig.-Gen., Chief of Artillery, U. S. A.

Robert Anderson, Brig.-Gen. U. S. Army.

Lord Lyons.

Edward Everett, Boston, Mass.

H. Wilson, Senator, Mass.

L. M. Goldsborough, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.

John A. Dix, Maj.-Gen. U. S. Army.

Horace Greeley, Editor, New York.

Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

Mrs. Sigourney, Poetess, Hartford, Conn.

Geo. H. Stewart, Ch'rm'n U. S. Christian Com.

W. H. De Lancey, Bishop W. New York.

L. A. Godey, Publisher.

H. E. North, Stratford, Conn.

M. Simpson, Bishop.

John A. Andrews, Governor of Massachusetts.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

From William Thurstone we received ten autograph letters.

And from Edwin Curtiss, the autograph of John Pierpont, Massachusetts.

The total autograph collection of the Society may be expressed as follows :

8 volumes of single autographs ; 28 volumes of autograph letters.; 1,801 autographs of prominent citizens as signatures to memorials, etc., and thirty separate collections of autograph letters and documents relating to all of the important events in the history of our country.

SOUVENIRS OF THE OLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
DAYS.

This collection was increased by a beautiful case enclosing the fireman's hat worn (through many a conflict with the fiercest fires Buffalo encountered during the sixties and seventies) by the late Arthur Augustus Poole, foreman of the Old Neptune Hose Co. No. 5, together with his photograph, life size, richly framed. Presented by his sister, Mrs. Anna Hoxie Cook.

H. D. Farwell contributed one leather fire bucket.

Captain Philip Willrich, donated the fireman's hat

worn by the late William C. Smith, member of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3, who was killed by a falling stone at the Miller & Greiner fire, Dec. 21, 1882.

We are indebted to Alex. W. Guild for the framed photograph of his brother, Charles W. Guild, a member of Neptune Hose Co. No. 5, in fireman's costume.

And to Edwin Curtiss, member of Citizen Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, for a front to his fire hat, also his belt and metal badge and nine miscellaneous firemen's badges, together with four volumes valuable newspaper clippings of historical items pertaining solely to the old Volunteer Fire Department, for 1867, '68 and '69.

This collection is very extensive and attractive. It consists largely of framed portraits, that of the members of "Eagle Hose Co." alone costing nearly \$600. A perfect working model of one of our first hand fire engines, leather buckets, badges, firemen's hats, trumpets, one of which is of solid silver, highly ornamented, and cost \$250, and many other relics of the old Volunteer Fire Department days.

INVITATIONS.

This Society was honored with invitations to be represented on several public occasions of historical interest in other States.

1st. To attend the annual meeting of the West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society, Jan. 17, 1893.

2d. To be present at the dedication of the Case Memorial Library, at the Hartford Theological Seminary, Conn., Jan. 18, 1893.

3d. To be present at a meeting of the Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., in memory of its late President, Henry Wheatland, April 17, 1893.

4th. To attend the dedication of the new building of the New Haven Colony Historical Society, erected as a memorial to James E. and Caroline A. English, Sept. 28, 1893.

5th. To be present at a special meeting of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes Barre, Pa., Monday evening, Nov. 20th, at eight o'clock, 1893, when the building, recently erected for the uses of the Society through the munificence of the late Isaac S. Osterhout, will be formally presented.

The building and the several collections will be ready for inspection on the occasion.

The invitations were acknowledged, but no representatives were sent.

May we not hope that ere long some generous soul from among the many who have grown rich among us will put this Society in possession of a memorial building, in which it too can arrange and display its historical treasures?

We may state in this connection, that at the 89th Anniversary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane, held at Niagara Falls, South, in Canada, July 25, 1893, our Society was most worthily represented by Mr. Frank H. Severance.

THE GREENE COLLECTION.

Dr. Joseph C. Greene has presented to the Society an English Knight's armor, representing the sixteenth century, mounted on a pedestal and suitably inscribed.

It has been placed with the collection of antiquities from Egypt and other historic lands, which he obtained in his late tour of the world.

He has also supplemented his collection of the silver and copper coins of the world that are now in circulation, by the donation of 85 miscellaneous coins to perfect special sets.

This collection, numbering 818 separate pieces, are arranged in a handsome antique oak cabinet, after the style adopted by the British Museum, and attracts a great deal of attention.

For the fine and valuable collection of canes, 78 in number, representing the different countries visited by Dr. Greene, and which were presented two years ago to the Society, there has been provided an elegant upright glass case, in which they are now displayed to advantage, and are closely inspected by the visitor.

There is an indefinable charm about all the departments of the museum, and there are few places in the State where can be found so rare and extensive a collection.

INDIAN
NECROLOGY.

The necrology of the year comprises the names of the following members. Among them are some of the most distinguished in the lists of the Society:

Prof. Eben Norton Horsford,
Rev. Samuel Orcutt,
Ex-Pres. Rutherford B. Hayes,
Hon. James G. Blaine,
Geo. S. Armstrong, M. D.,
James Butman,
Emanuel Levi,
Hon. Donald McNaughton,
Warren Bryant,
Rev. J. B. Wentworth, D. D.
Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Charles G. Curtiss,
George Henry Harris,
William K. Allen,
Frederick S. Wildman,
Thos. S. Collier, U. S. N.,
Francis Parkman,
Solomon Sturges Guthrie.

NOTE.—The Society's memorial tribute to the late William K. Allen (a former President), whose demise occurred in October last, will be found in Appendix "B."

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

We have to record some very important gifts to this collection in the past year.

From Wm. C. Bryant, two fine photographs, one representing Red Jacket's grave in the old Indian cemetery on the Buffalo Creek Reservation, after his remains were removed.

The other, of the Old Mission House, still standing on Red Jacket street, Buffalo.

From W. H. Samson, Rochester, N. Y., two photographs, one of Mary Jemison's Tomb, and the other of the Old Council House at Glen Iris.

From F. Van Dorn, Mt Morris, N. Y., a photograph of the grave of William Tall Chief, taken at the cemetery at Mount Morris, for this Society, by the donor.*

From Geo. G. Barnum, a photograph of a "Chippewa Warrior." One of "Old Bets," a Sioux squaw 120 years old, who will long be remembered with gratitude by many of the Minnesota captives for her kindness to them while among the Sioux in 1862. Also one of "Can-Ku-Was-Te-Win." Good Road Woman. A Sioux beauty.

* Inscription on Head Stone.

"AWAMIS-HA-WAT-HAH,"

OR

"BURNING DAY."

William Tall Chief, a Seneca Chief of the Six Nations. The White Man's Friend. Was born on the Genesee River in 1750, and died in 1830.

The most valuable gift was that of Archdeacon W. McMurray, D. D., D. C. L., Niagara City, Ont., of two fine historical portraits, in oil, of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Saint Mary's River, Lake Superior, executed 100 years ago.

From a sketch of this noted family, by Col. Thomas L. McKenney of the Indian Department, given in a publication of his tour to the lakes in 1827, we make the following brief extract :

"The late John Johnston, Esq., was, by birth, an Irishman, and his connections in the old country were among the nobility.

"And the late Mrs. Johnston, 'Oshau-Guscoday-Way-Quay,' was a genuine Chippewa, and daughter of the famous 'Wa-Ba-Jick,' the great war chief of La Point, Lake Superior.

"One of her daughters married H. R. Schoolcraft, Esq., U. S. Indian agent at Saint Mary's River, and author of travels and other works of merit."

The wife of our late president, Wm. K. Allen, was the granddaughter of this distinguished Indian Princess, and two of Mrs. Allen's sons are now residents of our city.

Additional memoranda relating to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and family, which have been kindly furnished by the donor of the portraits, will be found in Appendix "D."

We have garnered in our rooms a very creditable collection of Indian portraits, and many relics, records and legends of the tribes that once inhabited this fair land.

and the memorials attract more attention and are more carefully studied than ever before.

The period will soon come when the Indian will live only in memory and history.

NUMISMATICS.

Since our last report the society has received donations to its cabinets of seven medals of historic interest, and 192 silver, copper and nickel coins; of this number Mr. Andrew Langdon was the largest contributor.

A detailed statement of the many donors and their gifts will be found appended to this report.

The chief acquisition, and most important gift of the year to this department was that received from Frederick H. James, M. D., Lancaster, N. Y., of a large and unprecedented collection of coins, medals and tokens, consisting of 10,809 separate pieces, struck in silver, copper, brass, nickel and other metals.

For want of space, the collection of American Tradesmen's Tokens, numbering 2,000, and the copperheads 2,700, are placed in the lower compartments of the cabinets, in envelopes, alphabetically arranged, and accessible to all.

Accompanying the coins were 38 volumes of valuable numismatic publications.

This great collection, which fills every visitor to the rooms with a new astonishment, is the most valuable that we can ever expect to possess, and will add much to our knowledge of numismatics.

It is eminently historical, and to the student is invested with the highest dignity and the most fascinating interest.

Dr. James has well earned the gratitude of this Society, and his munificence marks an era in its history.

Three beautiful upright cases in oak, six feet high and eight feet long, glazed on both sides, have been provided and set up in the Library room, which is admirably adapted (having light from three sides) for the display of this rare and remarkable collection.

This invaluable gift received a special acknowledgment from your Board at a meeting held Nov. 6, 1893, in the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

To the Board of Managers of the Buffalo Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this Board relative to the recent donation by Dr. James to this Society, beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions, and recommend that an engrossed copy thereof be presented to the donor:

WHEREAS, Frederick H. James, M. D., has, with rare liberality, presented to this Society a large and valuable collection of coins, medals and tokens, gathered by him with great care and intelligent discrimination, involving on his part a large expenditure of time, labor and money, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board as individuals, and as a body, and in behalf of the Society which it represents, hereby express to Dr. James the great obligation the Society, and the community, are under to him.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Society are due to and are hereby tendered to Dr. James for his munificent gift, and that the same, as arranged by this Society, stand as a lasting memorial of the intelligent generosity of the donor.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS S. HAWLEY,

JOSEPH C. GREENE,

ALBERT H. BRIGGS,

Committee.

We beg to refer to Appendix marked ("C,") which will accompany and form part of this report, for an appropriate and comprehensive description of the collection.

The whole number of separate pieces in the possession of the Society at the close of the year was 12,688.

In the James collection.....	10,809
" Greene "	818
" Society's "	871
" Remington "	136
" Lord "	54
	<u>12,688</u>

THE ATKINS COLLECTION OF INDIAN CURIOSITIES FROM
ALASKA.

Ex-United States Marshal, Barton Atkins, presented to the Society a fine oil painting of the town of Sitka, Alaska, taken from Japonski Island. It is a picturesque scene, showing Sitka hemmed in by mountains on all sides except that fronting the sea, with the United States ship Jamestown in the foreground. It was painted by the boatswain of the ship in 1870; together with a very rare collection of photographs and relics which he secured during his four years' residence at Sitka, Alaska. 1885-1889.

They illustrate not only the handicraft of the natives, but also the country which has so lately come into the possession of the United States, and of which we know so little. We present to Mr. Atkins the Society's grateful thanks for this much appreciated gift. These relics from this far off land possess a peculiar interest, and will add value to the other collections of our Museum. A handsome cabinet will be prepared at an early day for their preservation and display, and they will form an Alaskan Department, to which we may hope many additions will be made as the years go by.

A MEMORIAL OF THE PAST.

We are deeply indebted to William J. Crawford for his labor of love in securing for this Society one of the fluted marble columns from the old monument at the grave of Mary Washington, in Fredericksburg, Va.

This precious historical relic is enclosed in a handsome glass case resting upon an oak pedestal, marble paneled, with the following inscription :

“Column from the old Monument at the grave of the Mother of George Washington, in Fredericksburg, Va., the corner stone of which was laid by President Jackson in 1833. Replaced by granite shaft in 1893.”

It has attracted much attention since it has been put on exhibition, and most of its visitors examine it with a strange emotion and a feeling of patriotic veneration.

LIBRARY CHAIRS.

Another pleasing feature in the history of the Society for the past year should be noticed.

It is the presentation of ten beautiful library chairs of antique oak, for the use of the councillors.

This gift comes from our President, Julius H. Dawes.

These library chairs will treasure the memories of his association with us in the past, and keep present in the minds of your Board his kindness of heart, of which they will ever be, each, the exponent.

VISITORS.

Over 30,000 persons found their way to the rooms of the Society in the past year.

The majority, no doubt, came out of curiosity, but a goodly number for study and to prosecute historical inquiries.

In addition to numberless answers to casual inquirers, of which no record was kept, 303 formal answers were given: orally to visitors, and in writing to correspondents, to questions which involved research and reference to our files.

This is good evidence that the Society's field of usefulness extends far beyond merely local bounds.

Many of the departments of our collection, such as the relics of antiquity illuminating past ages, the Society's great collection of coins, the glorious old battle flags, and the Indian memorials are, to the appreciative student, of extraordinary charm, and their study yields him abundant gratification and instruction.

The visitors from out of town were very numerous, partly on account of the large number of conventions that were held here, and of multitudes being en route to the World's Fair, Chicago.

Among those who registered were many distinguished personages of our own and foreign lands.

Thus the knowledge of the Society and its extensive collection, with which they were so wonderfully impressed, is carried by them to the ends of the earth.

HISTORICAL RELICS.

Mrs. Sarah A. Gay presented the Society with the Masonic apron of her grandfather, Joseph Enos, who became a member of Unity Lodge, No. 9, F. and A. M., in 1797, at Lebanon Springs, Columbia Co., N. Y. He was made master of the lodge in 1804, and an honorary member in 1821.

This relic, though slightly tinged by age, is in perfect preservation.

Mr. Enos was born at Hopkinton, Rhode Island, 1758, and died at West Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., Jan'y 12, 1835.

Geo. F. Montillon gave us the tip of the lightning rod of the old court house which formerly occupied the present site of this library building.

Charlotte Mulligan, daughter of Sally Howell Mulligan, late of Buffalo, presented a handsome patch quilt, made by little children of the first Sunday School on the Sandwich Islands, 1829.*

Herman Miller donated a sword-bayonet, found by donor on battle field near Chattanooga, Tenn.

And Louis Hartman a fold-up knife, spoon and fork used by his father in the war of the rebellion.

Charles A. Clark contributed a silk guidon of the 27th N. Y. light battery.

And Charles Edwin Strong one rare old flint lock pistol, made by Ryan & Watson, London, over 100 years ago. It was found by his grandfather in an old house in Boston.

* This brief historical sketch by Miss Mullgan accompanied the gift :

"In 1819 the Rev. Mr. Bingham went as the first missionary to the Sandwich Islands.

"A donation of money was made to the cause about ten years later, in 1829, by Miss Sally Chapin Howell, daughter of Judge Nathaniel Woodhull Howell, of Canandaigua.

"In return the quilt, made by little children in the first Sunday School on the Islands, was sent to Miss Howell, by Mrs. Bingham "

Time would fail us in the enumeration of this collection; it must be seen to be appreciated.

The Lincoln memorials alone costing upwards of \$20,000.

MEMBERSHIP.

The increase in membership during the past year has been 16.

The present membership of the Society is 603, divided as follows: 108 life, 226 corresponding, 15 honorary and 254 resident, of which 212 are paying members.

The printed list of members, as given elsewhere, embraces all who have been connected with the Society up to March 15th of the present year.

NOTE.—It is desired to call the attention of the public to the claims of the Buffalo Historical Society, and if possible to increase its membership.

The Society was organized on the 15th day of April, and incorporated Dec. 31, 1862.

Its general design is to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the history of Western New York, and the city of Buffalo in particular.

Although supported principally by its income from membership, the Society has not confined its benefits and advantages exclusively to members.

For more than a quarter of a century the rooms of the Society have been open to the public free, and its collections accessible at any time for reference or consultation.

A course of lectures on Historical subjects is also given every season, and thousands of our citizens have availed themselves of this and other privileges offered by the Society.

The Society occupies the entire third floor of the new Buffalo Library Building. Its apartments are commodious and pleasant. Its collections are extensive, many of them wonderfully fascinating to the Historical student.

All are invited to visit its rooms for the purpose of becoming informed as to its objects and work.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Time will not permit us to particularize the accessions to our stamp collection, natural history specimens, old and rare china, or the additions of keys of noted buildings and landmarks of our city which have passed into history; or to the parchment collection, consisting of deeds, commissions, passports, Indian grants, etc., with their quaint seals and valuable autographs.

These gifts will be found in detail in our list of "contributions," alphabetically arranged, which will accompany this report.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this report we desire to express our grateful thanks for all the gifts made to the Society in the past year to increase and enhance the value of our collection.

The spirit in which the gifts were made indicates a deep interest in the Society's growth and efficiency.

The situation of the Society to-day, while not in

Friends of the Society, will you not kindly send in your names to the Secretary for membership?

Lady residents are eligible to membership, and are also cordially invited to become identified with the Society and its interests.

The Society has a place in the community, and should receive the support of every citizen who holds his native or adopted city in esteem and reverence, to preserve the history and commemorate the deeds of its citizens.

This appeal is submitted in the confident hope that you will become a Life Member of the Society, the price of which is \$50, or at least enroll yourself on the list of Resident Members at \$5 per year, and thus assist the Society to carry on the important work it has undertaken.

every respect all that we could desire, is such as to reward us for all our past troubles and sacrifices.

It has been and will continue to be the aim of this Society to make the collections accessible and free to all, thus making some return to the community for the liberality which has been bestowed upon it, and spread with liberal hand the blessings of the lights of history, that the generations who come after us may enjoy the benefits.

The report was unanimously accepted and adopted, and on motion of Wm. C. Bryant 2,000 copies were ordered printed in the same form as the publication of last year.

Mr. Newman moved that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to select and place in nomination officers and councillors for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

President Dawes named as such committee Messrs. Newman, Greene, Hawley, Bryant and Webster.

The committee on nominations reports, recommending

Andrew Langdon—*President.*

Geo. W. Townsend—*Vice-President.*

Henry W. Hill—*Recording Secretary.*

Geo. G. Barnum—*Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer.*

Councillors—Julius H. Dawes, Hon. Elias S. Hawley, Geo. S. Hazard, William C. Bryant, James Tillinghast, Josiah Letchworth, Ellis Webster, F. H. James, M. D..

W. H. H. Newman, William S. Wicks, Merritt Nichols, Joseph C. Greene, M. D., Isaac Geiershofer, Frank H. Severance, Albert H. Briggs, M. D.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, the Recording Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for the names presented by the committee for the respective offices for all members present who did not desire to vote individually. No person expressing a desire to so vote, the Secretary cast a ballot, and the President declared the parties named duly elected.

The retiring President, Julius H. Dawes, Esq., then read an able address on the progress and prosperous growth of the Society, and some of the special work accomplished during his term of office.

PRESIDENT DAWES' ADDRESS.

Members of the Buffalo Historical Society, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The year in the life of our Society, the record of which we close to-night, has been a prosperous one.

Some previous years, for instance, that which gave us on an occasion like this at once the Dr. J. C. Greene collection and Mr. Hazard's great volume of One Hundredth Regiment manuscripts, or that which was rendered memorable by the dedication of the Red Jacket Statue and the gift by Major Glowacki of the Holland Company's papers, may have produced results more visible and striking. The financial receipts of the Society, both from bequests and from payments for mem-

berships, have also been larger in some other years than in that just completed.

But we may rejoice to-night in having enjoyed a year of steady, continuous and wholesome growth. Although the general financial condition of the community has not been calculated to encourage cash contributions which could be readily avoided or postponed, our income has been quite sufficient for current expenses, and we are still wholly free from indebtedness. And, as shown by the report of our efficient and faithful Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, there has been throughout the year a constant and vigorous advance in every department of our work. The attendance of visitors not only is maintained, but constantly increases.

The same is true as to references to our files, and calls for information on the great variety of subjects, the record of which is there preserved. So we may justly feel that our efforts are appreciated by the public, and that we are furnishing not only the attractions of a museum, but a valued means of popular instruction on greatly diversified subjects.

The munificent gift of the Dr. James collection would alone be sufficient to signalize the last as a fortunate year for our Society, and it would be easy to select from the lists of donations many other items well worthy of especial mention. But not wishing to occupy your time with a repetition of what has been already said, I beg to emphasize the fact that our collections are increasing not only in number and quantity, but in value

and availability. We are not merely accumulating relics and records and memorials which will gain in interest and attractiveness by the passage of time, but day by day the contents of our book shelves and manuscript files and cases and cabinets are preserving for those who shall follow us, historical materials of an increasing importance. Our Society has been collecting its treasures during what is ordinarily estimated as about the life of a human generation. Within that time our city has vastly increased in size and in importance. And the progress of time has been constantly making biography and history. In every year many of the portraits on our walls change their office of giving each the likeness of a citizen in active life to that of representing one whose features can be recalled only by such pictures, and by the memory of survivors who will soon have passed away. It is ours to preserve and to record, to rescue from the oblivion that would soon efface them from human knowledge, the occurrences of the present and the traditions of the past. The events of to-day are history to-morrow. And as to many things, it is impossible to foresee what will be most attractive and useful to the historians who will succeed us. Just as we are attracted by stories of the past and value its memorials which illustrate the lives, characters and achievements of our ancestors, so we have an instinctive interest in the preservation, for coming generations, of a truthful record of our own times, it is surely for the common advantage that such records should be kept. The members of this Society, and its officers as their

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active agents, are performing an important public service in gathering, classifying, cataloguing and preserving, safe from danger of fire or other casualty, and in condition for unrestricted study and ready reference, a great variety of exhibits which teach and illustrate both what has become, and what is becoming, history.

We may, I think, safely assume that the critical period in the life of the Buffalo Historical Society has passed, and that it is established as a permanent institution, which the city of Buffalo cannot afford to neglect or suffer to decline. In the course of such institutions, "Nothing succeeds like success," and when one has gained the confidence of the community by the faithful performance of an important service, its future may be regarded as assured. Each of our acquisitions is an incentive to further contributions in the same line, and makes them probable.

But, while we regard the condition and prospects of our Society as justly subjects for congratulation, we must reflect that the prosperity which it has enjoyed has been due to the generous support and liberal kindness of a number of friends and donors, which, compared with that of the population of the city, or of those whom we may expect to receive benefit from our efforts, is very small. Our maintenance must depend largely upon membership dues, and surely in so large a city as Buffalo, the only Historical Society should have more than a couple of hundreds of members paying the very moderate dues prescribed by our rules.

A larger income would, of course, enable us greatly to enlarge the scope and usefulness of our work. Opportunities for the judicious purchase of important exhibits are frequently offered. At a slight expense books needed to complete valuable sets could often be placed on the shelves of our library, and if we only had the requisite means, very essential work might be done in the way of publishing bulletins, and the important historical papers that are now buried in our manuscript files. During every winter valuable and interesting historical essays, many of them the fruit of careful study, are read at our Club meetings. When it can be done, copies are filed and preserved. But these, and many other manuscripts in our possession, are well worthy of publication. And that would enable us to maintain exchanges with the numerous Historical Societies with whom we are in correspondence, and greatly promote the growth and usefulness of our own. Let us each, during the year that is before us, make it a matter of individual duty to extend its membership and promote its prosperity.

In conclusion, I have only to express to the Board of Councillors and other Officers of the Society my earnest thanks for the uniform kindness which has made my duties as its President only a pleasure.

Mr. Hawley moved that the President's address be incorporated in the report to be published. Carried.

Mr. Bryant moved that the thanks of the Society be and they are hereby tendered to our retiring President

for the able and faithful manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Society during the past year.

This motion was put by the Secretary, and carried unanimously.

On motion, Messrs. Bryant and Webster were appointed a committee to escort President Langdon to the chair, and upon assuming the same, briefly thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him.

Dr. Greene announced that the Lecture Committee had made arrangements for a course of lectures to be delivered on alternate Monday evenings, commencing on the 22d inst. The first by Prof. Henry P. Emerson, on the "Witchcraft Delusion."

The subject of the second paper will be "Agitation in the Nineteenth Century," by the Rev. Willis P. Odell.

Due notice will be given of the subjects for the remainder of the course.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1893.

A.

- Abbott, Frank W., M. D., Buffalo : 4 volumes.
 Alexander, Hon. D. S., Buffalo : 2 photo portraits.
 Allen, W. D., Buffalo : 1 photo portrait.
 American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, New York: 2 volumes.
 American Young People's Publishers, Chicago, Ill.: 1 magazine.
 Ancient Order of United Workmen of the State of New York: 1 volume.
 Andrews, J. B., A. M., M. D., Buffalo : 1 pamphlet.
 Argonaut Publishing Co., San Francisco, Cal.: 2 papers.
 Atkins, Barton, Ex-U. S. Marshal, Buffalo: 2 pamphlets, one oil painting, and collection of photographs and Indian relics.
 Atkins, Hiram, Montpelier, Vt.: 1 volume.
 Ayer, James B., M. D.: 1 volume.
 Ayers & Lynch, Publishers, Los Angeles, Cal.: 1 paper.

B.

- Bangor Historical Society, Me.: 1 paper.
 Bardeau, C. W., Syracuse, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Barnum, Clara, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Barnum, Geo. G.: framed programme Eagle Street Theatre, opening night, July 20, 1835, 5 photographs, 3 proof nickel coins, 1 medal, 1 plate and 2 volumes.
 Barnum, Geo. G., Jr., Duluth, Minn.: 1 pamphlet and 1 volume.
 Beauchamp, Rev. W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Benjamin, W. E., New York : 5 pamphlets.
 Benjamin, W. R., New York : 1 magazine.

- Bigelow, Mrs. Albert, Harrisburg, Pa.: 1 oil portrait.
 Birch's, Thos., Sons, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 volume.
 Bishop, Hon. Charles F., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Bixby, James W., Buffalo: 5 papers.
 Boedeker, Harold, Buffalo: 1 medal.
 Bolen, J. A., Springfield, Mass.: 2 medals.
 Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass.: 2 pamphlets.
 Boston City Hospital, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Boston Public Library, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Boston University, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Braun, Frank, Buffalo: 1 copper coin, 1862.
 Brock, R. A., Richmond, Va.: 1 volume and \$5 note on the James River and Kanawha Co.
 Brown, F. H., Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Brush, Edward N., M. D., Towson, Baltimore, Md.: 1 pamphlet.
 Bryant, S. D., Galloway, N. Y.: one-sixth of a dollar Continental currency, 1776.
 Bryant, Wm. C., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet, 2 photographs, and portraits of the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Buffalo, 1860.
 Buffalo Builders' Association Exchange: 2 pamphlets.
 Buffalo Board of Health: 12 statements of mortality.
 Buffalo College of Pharmacy: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Park Commissioners: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Fire Department: 1 pamphlet.
 Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 6 volumes and 1 pamphlet.
 Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.: 4 volumes and 3 pamphlets.
 Bureau of Information, Los Angeles, Cal.: 1 pamphlet.
 Butler, E. H., Buffalo: complete file *Evening News* for 1893.
 Byers, William, Buffalo: 1 English coin, 1701.

C.

- Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 1 volume.
 Carpenter, T. P., Buffalo: a fine lithograph, framed.
 Cassel, J., Chicago, Ill.: 1 Russian copper coin.
 Caysallo, P., Buffalo: 1 Italian copper coin.
 Cayuga Co. Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
 Charity Organization Society, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Chicago Historical Society, Ill.: 1 leaflet.
 Christian Homestead Association, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Cincinnati Society of Natural Sciences, Ohio: 1 journal.
 Cinnessi, S., Buffalo: 1 Italian copper coin.

- Clark, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio: 1 volume.
 Clark, Charles A., Buffalo: 3 framed group photographs.
 Clarke, Samuel C., Marietta, Ga.: 1 pamphlet.
 Clark, Charles J., London, Eng.: 1 magazine.
 Coann, E. T., Albion, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Coates, Irving, West Shortsville, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Colby, Lloyd, Buffalo: 1 U. S. copper coin.
 Colby University, Waterville, Me.: 1 pamphlet.
 Columbia College, New York: 1 pamphlet.
 Company C. 74th Regiment, Buffalo: 1 framed colored lithograph.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford: 2 pamphlets.
 Conover, Hon. George S, Geneva, N. Y.: 5 papers.
 Cook, Rev. P. G., Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Cook, Mrs. Anna Hossie, Buffalo: 1 fireman's hat, enclosed in show case.
 Cooley, Hon. Thos. M., Ann Arbor, Mich.: 1 pamphlet.
 Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 13 pamphlets.
 Cornwallis, K., New York: 3 papers.
 Courier Company, Bath, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Courier Company, Buffalo, N. Y.: A bound file of the *Morning Courier*, 1893.
 Crawford, Wm. J., Buffalo: 1 marble column from the old monument of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Va., 3 papers and 1 photograph.
 Critic Co., New York: 1 review.
 Cruikshank, Ernest, Fort Erie: 1 pamphlet.
 Curtiss, Edwin, Buffalo: 4 volumes, 12 badges, 1 autograph, front to fire hat, 1 belt and 2 cards.

D.

- Dandy, Bvt. Brig.-Gen'l George B., Omaha, Neb: 1 oil portrait.
 Daniels, Hon. Charles, Buffalo, 3 volumes.
 Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.: 1 magazine and 5 leaflets.
 Davenport Academy of Natural Science, Iowa: 1 pamphlet.
 Dawes, Col. E. C., Cincinnati, Ohio: 1 volume and 1 pamphlet.
 Dawes, Julius H., Buffalo: 18 volumes, 3 pieces fractional currency, 10 antique oak library chairs.
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SECTION 11. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions thereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

APPENDIX "A."

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Buffalo Historical Society to set apart certain funds as a Permanent Trust Fund, and to restrict the use and investment thereof.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1888. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

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SEC. II. The principal of such Trust Fund and all additions thereafter made thereto, shall not be used by said Society or any of its officers for any purpose ; but the income thereof, or so much as may be necessary, may be devoted to and used for the purposes of said Society.

SEC. III. The said Trust Fund shall be invested in the following interest-bearing securities: Bonds of the United States of America; bonds of the State of New York; bonds of the City of Buffalo; bonds of the County of Erie; and bonds of individuals, secured by first mortgages upon real estate, situate in the State of New York, worth at least double the amount secured to be paid by the bond accompanying the mortgage.

SEC. IV. Any manager or other officer of said Society who shall vote for or consent to the misapplication of said Trust Fund, or any part thereof, or any part of the income thereof, or to the investment of any part thereof, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

APPENDIX "B."

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM K. ALLEN.

At a special meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society, held at its rooms on the 19th day of October, 1893, President Dawes in the chair, the following tribute was unanimously adopted:

We have met to take action on the death of one of our most esteemed and influential members, William K. Allen, a former President, and for a term of years, a faithful, active member of our Board of Councillors. Mr. Allen's career was not one which brought him prominently before the public gaze, but it was one which demanded qualities of no common order. The cashier of important banking institutions requires great industry, integrity, firmness, a knowledge of men, a peculiar tact and forecast. Mr. Allen possessed these in a marked degree. He was, moreover,

a courteous and friendly as well as conservative man, and in the discharge of the difficult and delicate duties involved in his position, made few, if any, enemies. Outside of his professional employment he found time to serve the public in the discharge of duties which men do not ordinarily covet, but on the contrary shrink from, and which meet with no apparent reward or applause. He was a loyal and steadfast friend, a public spirited citizen, a consistent christian and an honest man. Both on the paternal and maternal sides of his family are names intimately associated with that which is most memorable in the history of Buffalo, and he has left a name without stain or reproach as a priceless legacy to the two worthy sons who bear it.

Resolved, That the rooms of the Society be closed for the day, and that we will attend the funeral in a body; that copies of the foregoing and this resolution be spread upon our minutes and transmitted to the family of the deceased.

APPENDIX "C."

DESCRIPTION OF THE JAMES COLLECTION.

The collection of coins, medals and tokens recently presented to our Society by Frederick H. James, M. D., deserves a passing notice.

The collection has been set up in the Historical Society library in three handsome oak cases six feet high and eight feet wide. The cases are two-sided, and the coins are arranged in separate compartments, with glass doors, three compartments to a side. This affords a convenient and easy arrangement, and as the sets have been grouped and catalogued with the greatest care by Dr. James and his assistants, so as best to illustrate the teachings of

history which lie behind them, one may profitably put in several hours at the cases and have little difficulty in getting a pretty thorough understanding of this remarkable collection.

The case at the north end of the room contains the "politicals," or, as they are better known to those uninitiated in the nomenclature of numismatics, campaign medals. These, of which there are over 2,000 in all, have been struck off for campaign purposes by the various candidates for the Presidency of the United States or their partisans from the time of Andrew Jackson down. Not only have they a peculiar interest for the historian and lover of curios as showing the trend and development of American political sentiment, but as indicating in a graphic manner the gradual evolution through sixteen Presidential contests of the campaign badge, button and more elaborate insignia of to-day.

The "politicals" begin with Gen. Andrew Jackson's successful campaign of 1828 and in general bear the candidate's likeness in relief on the obverse, together with the date, while on the reverse is some characteristic saying, campaign cry or singular device emblematic of his sterling qualities; as, for instance, in the Jackson set, the reverse reads, "Andrew Jackson, The stern old soldier, A foe to traitors, 7th President U. S." Another of his next campaign reads, "The Union must and shall be preserved." One, the work of an amateur, has been fashioned by hand from an old cent. It has deeply cut into one side, "Andrew Jackson is no fool."

The "hard-cider" campaign which resulted in the election of William Henry Harrison, has, of course, numerous curious representatives. Among the medals of this year, are nine varieties of the well-known "Go-it-tip-and-come-it-Tyler" medals which Dr. James bought at the sale of the celebrated Finotti collection, held in New York about 15 years ago. In this section also is a medal which, on the reverse side, flaunts this in the face of the opposition, "Steamboat Van Buren, 1841. Loco Foco Line for Salt River, Direct." It was about the time of this campaign of

1840 that the first indication of evolution from the medals into the campaign badge is noticeable. Here many of the medals have small holes in one end to enable the attachment of a string so that they could be worn easily on the coat lapel.

Coming down to 1860 there is a valuable collection of Lincolns or medals struck in honor of Lincoln, both in the campaign and after his death. One of the most notable here is an original silver "Wide-awake," pentagonal in shape, such as was worn at the Chicago Convention which nominated the great War President. There are about 500 in all of these Lincolns in silver, copper and white metal. Many of them are exceedingly rare and valuable.

The large medal of Lincoln, published by the American Numismatic Society, and well known to collectors, is not only worthy of mention because of its extreme beauty and the clearness of the profile and inscription, but for the fact that the original die broke when the medal was being made and it took six months to prepare the new one. Another Lincoln is made of white pottery and is of great beauty. Many others have representations of Lincoln in the act of splitting rails, and of two rails crossed, with patriotic inscriptions below or above.

In the sections devoted to the later campaigns, especially those of Grant and the Hayes-Tilden, the final transition from the old-time medal to the campaign badge of to-day is reached, and the politicals are all of the developed style. Among the more prominent and best known examples of these are the famous "306" and "plumed knight" badges.

Right in line with the collection of politicals, a large number of allied medals, illustrative and commemorative of special occasions and not necessarily connected with politics. Among these is the Jim Fisk medal, struck in honor of the president of the Erie Railroad, who, at the time of the great Chicago fire, stopped all regular trains on his road to run through a special with provisions from New York City. Here also is a copy of the seal of the Southern Confederation; a medal issued by the

Fenians before their raid across the Niagara border; Tweed's Americus Club badge in gold and enamel; and a large clear-cut medal with the Prince of Wales in relief, struck by the English Government in 1872, to commemorate his recovery from the typhoid fever.

Perhaps one of the finest medals ever struck is the Rembrandt, beautiful for the clearness alike of the die, the inscription and the profile. This is the most striking, without doubt, of the whole collection, and one of the largest. It was published in Amsterdam in 1869, to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the great Dutch artist.

A series of English trade tokens, arranged according to the standard catalogue by James Conder, published at Ipswich, in England is interesting to the student of English customs.

These tokens are of the size of the old copper cents, and were used as money by tradesmen in making change. Views of prominent points in towns and cities, incidents in history, etc., appear on the reverse, while on the obverse are seen the advertisements. In 1793 Messrs. Talbot Allum & Lee and Mott, of New York, caused to be struck in Birmingham, for their own use, a number of tokens similar to those in use in England. Of the former there are five varieties and one mule, while of the latter there are nine varieties. These are the first business tokens or cards used in the United States, and are rare and valuable.

The series of United States mint medals in bronze and silver recall many an event of great national interest. These medals were struck in gold in accordance with an Act of Congress, and were awarded to the distinguished and patriotic men whose names they bear. Those in bronze and silver are for the use of collectors.

The French medals, too, should be invaluable to many local students of French history. Indeed, these three cases are a veritable feast, to be fed upon by the hungry eyes of him who dotes on the romantic scenes in the history of France. One series, struck in commemoration of all the important incidents

from the time of Pharamond in 428 A. D. to Louis Philip, furnishes a complete epitome of all that portion of the French history. There is also a complete series of Louis XIV. medals, and a collection of popes' medals struck in commemoration of many of the papal dignitaries.

The English-tavern tokens have a delightful flavor of the Canterbury tales, and instinctively bring up associations of good old Geoffrey Chaucer, who "coude songs make, and mel indite." Here is one, in fact, issued by John Condon, in 1656, at Canterbury, Kent. These, as the name implies, were issued by tavern-keepers and received by them and commonly accepted everywhere as currency. Most of these are of great rarity.

Among the most curious and interesting of the English collection are a rare set of medaleta, each small in the scriptural mite, commemorating the birth of the various children of Queen Victoria; a set of Maundy money, such as was distributed as alms by the King once a year to his poor subjects, and a set of the gun-money of James II.

The American collection embraces a complete and valuable series of mint proofs of all coins under and including the dollar, issued by the Government since 1858, and complete sets of all the United States cents, dimes, half dimes and three-cent pieces.

The choice part of the whole James collection, however, consists of the Feuchtwangers, the set of United States postal currency and the sutler's checks, all three of which collections are as complete, if not more so, than any others known.

The Feuchtwangers are a series of coins designed and issued during the period of 1837, by a Bavarian chemist and mineralogist of that name living in New York, and were made by him for the purpose of showing the superiority of a certain new metal over others in use for small coins. There are 20 of these Feuchtwangers in the set, and as a set they are of very great value. One of the commonest of the 20 sold in New York not long since for \$17.50.

Postage currency was authorized and issued by Secretary Stanton before the introduction of shin-plaster currency, and consisted simply of pieces of cardboard on which United States stamps were pasted, and which were then used as small currency. Later, enterprising merchants encased these in metal and stamped their "ads" on the back. Some of them are very curious.

The collection of sutler's checks is of great interest. These, as any old soldier of the War well knows, were a kind of army money, and in some ways not dissimilar to the tavern tokens of England.

There are many other varieties of old and curious kinds of currency, medals and different kinds of tokens in this remarkable and rich collection besides those that have been mentioned, which are well worth seeing, and which, in ten articles of this length, could not be adequately described.

For want of space the collection of American tradesmen's tokens, numbering 2,000, and the copperheads, 2,700, are stored in envelopes, alphabetically arranged. In addition to the collection the following works on Numismatics is added:

American Journal of Numismatics from May, 1866, to date, numbering 28 volumes.

Bushnell's American Tokens.

Satterlee's Presidential Medals and Tokens.

Bushnell's Coin Catalogue. Priced.

Early Coins of America, by S. S. Crosby.

Prime's Coins, Medals and Seals, Ancient and Modern.

Akerman's Tradesmen's Tokens.

The Cents of the United States, by F. W. Doughty.

Early New York Tokens, by Charles I. Bushnell.

Hard Times Tokens, by Lyman H. Low.

The American Numismatic Manual, by Montroville Wilson Dickeson, M. D.

APPENDIX "D."

The late John Johnston was connected with some of the first families in Ireland. In 1792 he came to Quebec with letters of introduction to Sir George Prevost, the then Governor General of Canada. Having become acquainted with some of the members of the great and powerful company, the Northwest Fur Traders, and hearing of their success, he resolved to go to the northwest and to embark in the fur trade also. He first went to La Pointe, in Lake Superior, with a supply of goods requisite for the Indian trade, and having succeeded to a certain extent, he desired to increase his business, and returned to Ireland and sold his estate of Craig, near Colrain, and embarked more largely in his trade with the Indians, but before leaving he had fallen in love with the eldest daughter of "Wa-Ba-Jick," the head chief of all that large country from Sault St. Marie to the Falls of St. Anthony, and asked the chief for his daughter. The chief very properly refused his consent, and told him he would consider his proposition and give him a reply on his return from Ireland. The marriage was consummated on his return, and Mr. Johnston removed his business to Sault St. Marie.

He was appointed by the English Government as one of the commissioners to settle the fierce disputes between the late Fur Companies, The Northwest and the Hudson's Bay Company, the settlement of which took place at Fort Garry, near Winnipeg, about the year 1819 or '20.

The place, in those days, could only be reached by canoes, which occupied many months of fatigue and exposure.

Mr. Johnston died at Sault St. Marie in 1828, leaving four sons and four daughters to mourn their loss.

Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, the great Indian historian, whose magnificent work on the Indians, published by Congress in six large quarto volumes, at great cost, which you may possibly have in your library, married Mr. Johnston's eldest daughter.

Jane, a woman distinguished for her ability and elegance of manner. I married Charlotte, the third daughter, and James L. Schoolcraft married Maria, the youngest. Eliza, the second daughter never married. The late Mr. George P. Dorr married Mary, one of the daughters of James L. Schoolcraft, who is still living in your city, and the late Mr. Wm. K. Allen married Evelyn, the youngest daughter, both of whom are deceased.

This gives you but a very brief and meagre account of the family, which was one of the first in Michigan, and highly respected.

I will add a few further incidents with regard to the Indian chief whose daughter he married, as well as respecting Mr. Johnston himself.

The head chief of all that great western country from Sault St. Marie to the Falls of St. Anthony, was "Wa-Ba-Jick;" the White Fisher, a fur bearing animal, was his Totem. A man of power and authority, his word was law. He took many of his braves with him by the Hudson Bay route to Montreal and Quebec, and was present and took part in the great battle on Abraham's Plains, where Wolf was killed.

The whole distance was accomplished in canoes, a great undertaking in those days, and would even be so now. Mr. Johnston held the commission of the peace as a magistrate appointed for all that western country by the Governor General of Canada, at that time, Sir George Prevost, and which he held until the country where he resided was, by the treaty of Ghent, made over to the United States.

In the war of 1812, he, at the urgent request of the late Col. McDowell, who commanded the British forces at Mackinac, took six men in boats from Sault St. Marie to Mackinac and was present and assisted at the taking of Mackinac, where General Holmes was killed.

After the surrender of all that western country to the United States, Mr. Johnston quietly passed his days, with most liberal hospitality at Sault St. Marie, respected by all who knew him.

His portrait was painted in Belfast, Ireland, on his last visit, by a well known artist, and Mrs. Johnston, by Catlin, a celebrated artist of the United States famed for his Indian portraits, and a copy is now in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

W. McM.

APPENDIX "E."

GENERAL DANDY

GOES ON THE ARMY RETIRED LIST—SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

Brigadier General George B. Dandy, assistant quartermaster general, United States army, and for some time in charge of the quartermaster's department in the Department of the Platte, celebrates his 64th birthday to-day. The event is also the occasion of closing his army career and of securing him a place upon the retired list.

That career has been one of continuous service since 1857, previous to which time he had been also a participant in the short war with Mexico. All his fellow officers agree that he has earned his day of rest by steady and meritorious devotion to his duty.

General Dandy was born in Georgia, February 11, 1830, his parents removing the same year to New Jersey. His early education was obtained in private schools in that State. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Tenth United States infantry and served throughout the war with Mexico. After the close of that war he returned to his New Jersey home and began the study of medicine, but on receiving the appointment of cadet in the mil-

itary academy at West Point, gave up the idea of healing the sick and has ever since devoted his life and energies to service in the army.

In 1857 he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Third artillery. His first active service was in fighting hostile Indians in the then territory of Washington, winning honorable mention from General Scott for gallantry in that expedition.

His services during the war of the rebellion were varied, and he steadily rose in the ranks until in March, 1865, he was assigned to the command of the Third brigade, First division of the Twenty-fourth army corps. In March, 1862, he was appointed captain on the general staff and assigned to duty at General McClellan's headquarters in the field. In August of the same year, on the death of Colonel Brown, he was commissioned by the governor of New York as colonel of the One Hundredth New York volunteers. It was with reluctance that the general government consented to this transfer, as it desired his services where he was. This regiment was known throughout the war as the "Board of Trade" regiment, on account of its being adopted by the Board of Trade of Buffalo. At the head of this regiment he performed meritorious and gallant service, participating in the battles of Folly Island, the assault and capture of Morris Island, the assault and capture of Fort Wagner and the engagements at Port Walthall Junction, Drury's Bluff, Deep Bottom, Deep Run, Fussell's Mills and the siege of Petersburg. As commander of the Third brigade of the First division, Twenty-fourth army corps, he took part in the engagement at Fort Gregg, south of Petersburg, in which engagement his brother, who had succeeded to the command of his former regiment, was killed. General Dandy was present at the last engagement of the war at Appomattox Court House, and personally witnessed many of the scenes incident to the finale of the great struggle.

Since the close of the war he has served in the quartermaster's department, being assigned to duty principally in the west. In

the course of duty in the department he built Fort Phil Kearney in the Big Horn mountains, and Fort Abraham Lincoln in North Dakota. He has at different times been assigned to duty at Fort Yuma, Ariz.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Portland, Ore.; Vancouvers, Wash.; St. Louis, Mo., and Omaha. He has steadily risen in rank to be deputy quartermaster general and brevet brigadier general, U. S. A., which rank he will hold at the time of his retirement.

During the past year General Dandy presented to the Buffalo Historical Society, of Buffalo, N. Y., an oil portrait of himself. The portrait was desired on account of his having commanded the Board of Trade regiment of that city. Aside from being meritorious from an artistic standpoint, the portrait has an interesting history. It was painted from life by private Coleman, one of the enlisted men of the regiment. It was painted in 1863, while the regiment was stationed in North Carolina, and during the time that he was engaged upon it the regiment was liable to be called into action at any time. The Historical Society acknowledged the gift in a fitting manner, and adopted resolutions thanking the donor and expressing its high appreciation, not only of the gift, but of the donor, who has been made one of its honorary members. General Dandy and his family expect to retain their residence in Omaha, although they may spend some time in traveling abroad. General Dandy's son has just been appointed by the President cadet at large at West Point, where he expects to prepare himself for a military career, following the example set by his father.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum ofdollars.

APPENDIX "F."

To the Friends of the Buffalo Historical Society :

The following forms are suggested to any friend of the Society who may have in mind the generous thought of increasing its very limited endowment by gift or bequest :

No. 1. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Buffalo Historical Society, a corporation, located at the City of Buffalo, N. Y., the sum ofdollars towards the Building Fund of the Society.

No. 2. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the City of Buffalo, New York, the sum ofdollars, which sum I desire that the said Society shall preserve by proper investment as a perpetual fund, to be known as The.....Fund, the yearly income thereof, and no more, to be expended annually in the publication of its papers, purchase of books, periodicals, prints, maps or other works, to increase or improve its library.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum ofdollars.

No. 4. FORM OF DEVISE.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and to its successors and assigns forever,

ALL that piece or parcel of land, situated, etc.

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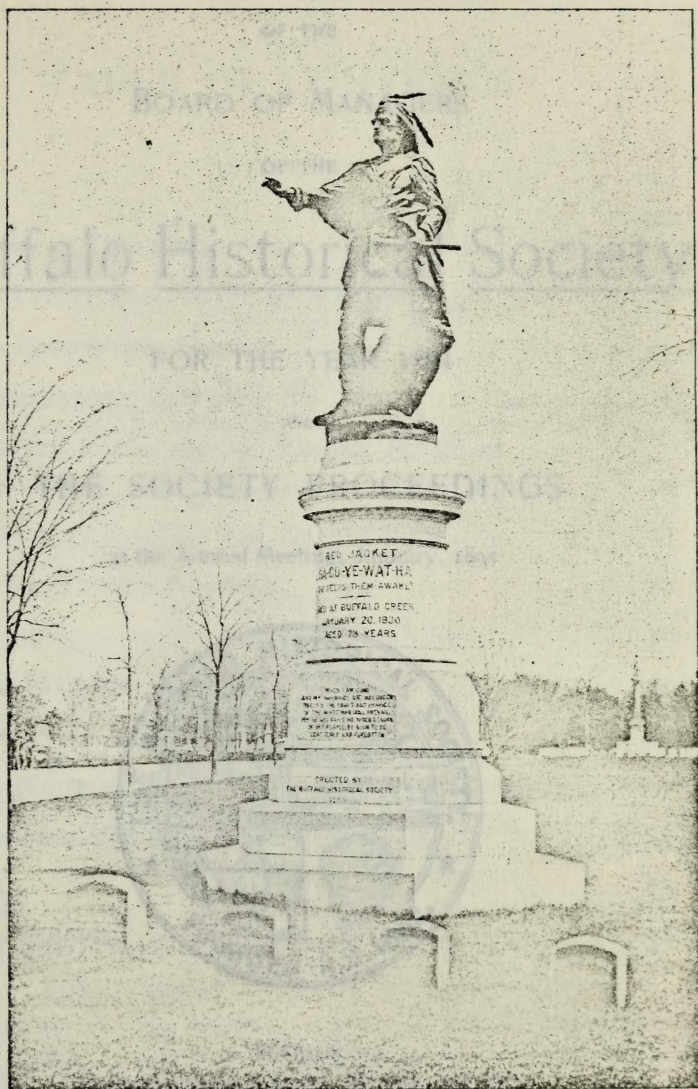
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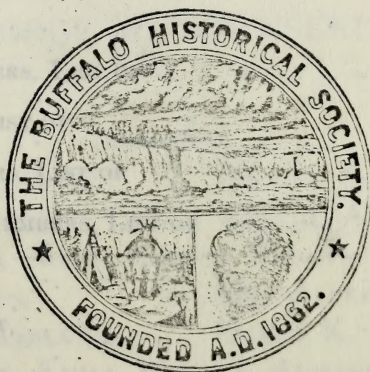
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LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

*MILLARD FILLMORE, from	1862 to 1867
*HENRY W. ROGERS,	1868
*REV. ALBERT T. CHESTER, D. D.,	1868
*ORSAMUS H. MARSHALL,	1870
*HON. NATHAN K. HALL,	1871
*WILLIAM H. GREENE,	1872
*ORLANDO ALLEN,	1873
*OLIVER G. STEELE,	1874
*HON. JAMES SHELDON,	1875 and 1886
WILLIAM C. BRYANT,	1876
*CAPT. E. P. DORR,	1877
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JULIUS H. DAWES,	1893
ANDREW LANGDON,	1894 and 1895

*Deceased.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held in the rooms of the Society in the Buffalo Library Building on Tuesday evening, January 8, 1895.

The President, Andrew Langdon, called the meeting to order.

After the minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been read and approved, the Recording Secretary, Henry W. Hill, read the following report, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, George G. Barnum :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Historical Society:

Another year has passed and you have convened to receive the report of your officers.

FINANCES OF THE SOCIETY.

We note first the funds of the Society. They are four in number and are as follows :

General Fund.

1894.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	\$684.72
	Dec. 31,	“ Rec'd for Interest and Dues.....	3,252.19
			<u>\$3,936.91</u>

Contra.

1894.	Dec. 31,	By Payment of Orders.....	\$2,976.77
		Balance Cash in Bank.....	\$960.14

Permanent Fund.

1894.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	\$33,106.05
	April 12,	“ Estate of Capt. John Browning....	413.73
	Dec. 31,	“ Life Memberships.....	450.00
		Balance.....	<u>\$33,969.78</u>
		Invested in Mortgage Purchases.....	\$21,375.00
		Cash in Banks.....	<u>12,594.78</u>
			<u>\$33,969.78</u>

Society's Building Fund.

1894.	March 10,	To gift of the Hon. James M. Smith, 5 \$1,000 bonds of the Crosstown Railway Company, of Buffalo, N. Y.	
		Nos. 19 to 23, at 94c....	\$4,700.00
		Four months and nine days accrued interest.....	89.58
		Cash to make them par value	<u>210.42</u>
			<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	Dec. 31,	To interest on same to date at 5 per cent.	<u>250.00</u>
		Amount in Bank.....	<u>\$5,250.00</u>

NOTE.—Income to be added to principal.

Red Jacket Monument Fund.

1894.	Jan'y 1,	To Balance in Treasury.....	\$1.065 39
	Dec. 31,	“ Interest received during the year....	21.53
			<u>\$1,086 92</u>

Contra.

1894.	Nov. 10,	By paid Buffalo City Cemetery 4 graves for Indians from Indian Cemetery.....	\$20 00
	Dec. 26,	By John Crawford & Son, Granite Grave Mark for Red Jacket's compatriots set in Forest Lawn, including foundations.....	53.00
			<u>\$73.00</u>
		Balance Cash in Bank.....	\$1,013.92

LIBRARY ADDITIONS.

The additions to the Library during the past year have been very satisfactory in their extent and character.

We have to report 705 volumes, 98 pamphlets, and 56 miscellaneous periodicals, not including duplicates, of which 114 volumes and 315 pamphlets were received.

The total number of volumes in the Library at the close of the year 1894, was 8,479, and of historical pamphlets, 6,134.

We are the recipients of some valuable publications from the American Republics and English-speaking countries through an International Exchange inaugurated by the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C.

The growth and efficiency of our Library ought to be a source of gratification, when we consider that we never have had any funds to set apart for its increase.

We may state, in this connection, that the University Law of this State, passed in 1892, authorizes the payment of local subsidies, not exceeding \$200 annually, to Libraries registered by the Regents as maintaining a proper library standard.

In order to avail ourselves of the benefit of the State Fund, the Board of Managers, at a regular meeting held on November 5th, 1894, decided to file an application for admission to the University, so that, by appropriating from our General Fund the sum of \$200, we may receive from the State Fund an equal amount, the whole to be used in the purchase of historical, genealogical, biographical and other standard works.

THE NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The steady and rapid growth of this department of our Library is especially a cause for congratulation on our part.

Eighty-seven bound volumes are the gifts for the year. The entire number now in the collection is 1,129 volumes, of which 957 are bound, and 172 unbound.

Many of the files pertain to our own State and City, but all are valuable for reference.

Among them we find the first volume of the *Alaskan*, the first paper published in Alaska, which was issued in 1885, and which boasted of being the most Northern, the most Western, and the most remote publication on the American Continent. Some of the first numbers were set up and printed by Gov. Swineford of Alaska.

We may note, also, the *Log Cabin* published by Horace Greeley in 1840.

There are three volumes of *Mark Lane's Express*, London, and three volumes of the *New York Times*, covering the period of and relating to the Crimean War of 1859-'60.

Two hundred and forty-nine clippings of historical and biographical sketches have also been received, filed and indexed. These clippings are becoming a source of great help to our students seeking information upon special subjects.

PICTURES AND DOCUMENTS FRAMED.

One oil painting by Fabronius, a water color by Evershed, and twelve photographs were presented to the Society during the year just closed. These are all historical and full of interest, and some of them were accompanied by historical sketches by the donors.

MAPS AND ATLASES.

The accessions for the year have been 113 valuable maps, and 11 atlases. The maps are mostly geologic, pertaining to New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. One map of special interest is that of New York, showing Col. Romer's voyage to the Five Nations in 1700. Four are of North and South America, printed and mounted in London, 100 years ago. They are enclosed in handsome leather cases.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Portraits of the following named persons, identified with the settlement and growth of Buffalo, have been contributed to our collection :

Hon. Oliver Forward.

Mrs. Sally Granger Forward.

Alonzo Richmond.

Ex-Prest. Julius H. Dawes.

Rev. Dr. Israel Aaron.

Rt. Rev. Stephen Vincent Ryan.

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Hon. David S. Bennett.

Samuel D. Colie.

George G. Barnum.

INVITATIONS.

This Society was honored with the following invitations during the past year :

From the West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society, to attend the Annual Meeting at its rooms in the State House, Charleston, W. Va., January 4, 1894.

From the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, to attend the celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary, February 27, 1894.

To participate in the exercises in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the County of Onon-

daga, held at the Armory in the City of Syracuse, N. Y., on June 6, 1894.

From the Town of Romulus, Seneca County, N. Y., to attend the Centennial Celebration of its organization, Wednesday, June 13, 1894.

The invitations were acknowledged, but the Society was not able to send representatives.

A goodly number of our members were personally invited by the Holland Purchase Historical Society to participate in the festivities attending the dedication of the old Holland Land Office Building, at Batavia, in honor of Robert Morris, on October 13, 1894. Many responded to the invitation and were present at the dedication ceremonies.

The Holland Purchase Historical Society, of Batavia, requested the loan of some of the valuable documents of the Old Holland Land Company, which were in our possession, for exhibition on that memorable occasion. The request was granted at a special Board meeting, and the documents were sent down in a strong tin box, under a guard of honor from the 65th Regiment of this city, furnished by Colonel Welch.

PAPERS READ.

The series of fortnightly club meetings held during the winter was well sustained. The following were the subjects :

The Witchcraft Delusion : Prof. Henry P. Emerson.

Agitation in the 19th Century : Rev. Willis P. Odell.

John Wycliff, The First Englishman: Rev. Henry Elliott Mott.

A Chalk Talk, on the Sculptor's Art: Sidney H. Morse.

The simple announcement of subjects was sufficient to fill the rooms of the Society with the lovers of history on each occasion.

The grateful thanks of the Society were voted to the authors of the various papers which they had prepared and gratuitously furnished, and copies were requested for preservation.

Rev. Wm. McMurray, D. D., LL. D.,

Mrs. Martha M. Huyler,

Bernard F. Gentsch,

Rev. Edward Jung,

James P. White,

J. Adam Lautz,

Hon. Gran Follett,

Charles J. Hamilton,

Eric L. Hedstrom,

Hon. David S. Bennett,

R. W. Wolfsohn,

Hascal L. Taylor,

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In Memoriam.

John Wilkeson,

John Sage,

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* See Appendix, Note 1.

† See Appendix, Notes 2, 3 and 4.

MEETINGS.

During the year, 12 regular and 12 special meetings have been held, besides those at which papers were read.

At these meetings much work was done for the lengthening of our boundaries, and the widening of our influences.

NUMISMATICS.

The following gifts to our Numismatic Cabinets were received since our last report :

6 Medals, in bronze, white metal, and brass ; and 216 silver, copper, brass, and nickel coins.

The events for which these Medals were designed, are the following :

Columbus—Lincoln, 1492-1865.

American Centennial, at Philadelphia, 1776-1876.

Opening of Napoleon's Tomb, at Paris, 1853.

Onondaga County Centennial, 1794-1894.

World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.

WAR RELICS OF 1812.

Two old British cannon, of historic interest, were donated to the Society during the past year. One, 9 feet and 8 inches in length, from Fort Erie, Ont., was presented by Mr. David Bell,* and the other, 7 feet and 6 inches in length, found in excavating on the bank of Niagara River at the foot of Gull Street, Black Rock, by Capt. Harrison C. Balcom.†

* See Appendix, Note 1.

† See Appendix, Notes 2, 3 and 4.

These, together with an old British mortar, which we removed from the corner of Main and Dayton Streets, (by permission from the Geo. R. Potter estate), have been repaired, cleaned, mounted and placed in Lafayette Park, on two sides of the Square, giving it a very formidable aspect.*

The first gun mentioned stands on the stone walk pointing down Court Street, and bears two handsome brass plates, with the following inscriptions:

"This British cannon was spiked and dismantled by Gen. Brown, after a desperate struggle. It afterwards came into the possession of David Bell, Buffalo, N. Y., who extracted the cannister shot, and mounted it as it now stands."

On the smaller plate are the words:

"Presented by David Bell to the Buffalo Historical Society, September 17, 1894."

The second cannon appears on the east side of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, facing Washington Street. The plate on it reads:

"This British cannon, of the War of 1812, was found on the bank of the Niagara River, at Black Rock, by Capt. H. C. Balcom, who donated it to the Buffalo Historical Society, and they have placed it here as a memorial, 1894."

The mortar was placed on the steps leading up to the pedestal of the monument, with this inscription:

* See Appendix, Note 5.

"This mortar did service in the War of 1812. Also, as a pile-driver in the early construction of the Buffalo Harbor. It became the property of A. P. Yaw, and later of Geo. R. Potter, whose family consented to its being placed here by the Buffalo Historical Society as a memorial, 1894."

The three pieces of ordnance add materially to the interest of the Park, and will stand as the years revolve, as an object lesson of the Second War for Independence.

Historical sketches of these interesting relics will be found in the Appendix.

THE SWORD OF MAJOR-GENERAL BROWN.

It may not be out of place while reporting the gift of a gun to this Society, which was spiked and dismantled at the "Sortie from Fort Erie in the War of 1812," by Maj.-Gen. Jacob Brown, Commander-in-Chief of the Army during and after the war, to state that the sword worn by him at the Battle of Sackett's Harbor, is also in possession of the Society and preserved among its war relics.

This sword after that battle was presented by Maj.-Gen. Brown to Capt. Samuel McNitt, who commanded the only Militia Company that stood its ground in that fight.

The sword was donated to the Buffalo Historical Society, February 7, 1873, by Gen. Joseph W. Brown, of Cleveland, Ohio, through the late H. N. Brown, Esq., of this city.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the past year the following additions have been made to the several classes of membership specified in the Constitution, namely: Resident, 105; corresponding, 16; honorary, 2; life, 20.

The entire membership at the present time is: Life, 124; honorary, 16; corresponding, 230; resident, 326; of which 285 are paying members, an increase of 73 over the number last reported.

This is due mainly to the efforts of our President, Andrew Langdon, Esq., who, distinguished himself in this branch of the Society's work.

Your Board regrets that the collection of dues from resident members has not been as satisfactory as usual. Never before have the Treasurer's books exhibited such a large amount of unpaid dues.

Our corresponding members have it in their power to render acceptable service. The present seems to be an appropriate time to urge upon them an active and cordial co-operation in our labors by research into questions of local history; by transmitting historical documents, especially such as relate to the first and second Wars for Independence; and by communications on subjects connected with the purposes of our Society.

ALASKAN DEPARTMENT.

The Hon. Barton Atkins has supplemented his collection of Alaskan curiosities by the donation of several very fine specimens of the handicraft of the natives, and

also of the ancient "Stone Age." Our museum contains the spoils of many countries, and is becoming more attractive every year.

BEQUESTS.

We have the pleasure of reporting the payment of the residuary bequest made to this Society by Capt. John Browning, amounting to \$413.73.

It is with much satisfaction that we report, also, a gift to the Society's Building Fund of \$5,000, from the Hon. James M. Smith, of this city. This is a magnificent testimonial of Judge Smith's love for the Buffalo Historical Society, with which he has been connected for so many years, having been at one time its President. For his kind remembrance and very generous gift we express the Society's grateful thanks.

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About 100 Indian chiefs, women of rank, tribesmen and captives, were caused to be exhumed from the old Seneca Mission Cemetery, and re-interred in Forest Lawn, by this Society.

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Ward of our city), have long since disappeared before the march of civilization, and can only be remembered as a part of the past. Word was brought to this Society late last fall, that the ancient and historic burial ground was rapidly being converted into city building lots, and the dead, by an order from the city authorities, were to be removed to the Potter's Field. Your Board, at a meeting held on November 5, 1894, appointed a committee with power, consisting of William C. Bryant, Esq., and Dr. Joseph C. Greene, to take up the remains of all the Indians found in the old Seneca Mission Cemetery, and as an act of justice, to give them burial in our beautiful Forest Lawn.

The bones of about 100 chiefs, women of rank, tribesmen, and captives, were exhumed and re-interred in our lot occupied by the monument, on November 12, 1894.

A suitable headstone was erected to mark their graves, with the following inscription :

"Here rest the remains of Red Jacket's compatriots; first buried in the old Mission Cemetery, at South Buffalo, and removed to this spot, November, 1894."

We could not stop the land-grabbing business, but we did prevent the huddling to earth of these Christian Indians' remains, like the poorest outcast in the Potter's Field.

A sketch of the removal, funeral, and re-interment, will be found appended to this report.*

* See Appendix, Note 6.

Many valuable gifts have been made to the following departments of our collection :

POSTAGE STAMPS.

A complete set of India, proof-specimens of all the issues from 1847 to the present time, numbering 206 stamps, was donated by Wilson S. Bissell, Postmaster-General.

AUTOGRAPHS.

Forty-nine autographs and 21 autograph letters were received and filed.

MANUSCRIPTS.

The biography of the late Hon. Heman Judd Redfield, and Peleg, his father, by the Hon. Henry I. Glowacki, of Batavia, N. Y., and a paper on Jonathan Trumbull, of surpassing beauty and excellence, by Mrs. Eleanor Silliman Rogers, of this city, were received.

THE CURRENCY COLLECTION.

Six hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents in Confederate Currency, issued February 17, 1864, was presented by Gen. John R. Lewis, of Atlanta, Ga.; ten dollars by Mrs. Harriet E. Hedges, and thirteen dollars by Mrs. A. C. Larzelere, of Buffalo, N. Y.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.

A collection of Indian curiosities and relics of Sullivan's campaign was received from Mr. W. W. Adams, Union Springs, N. Y., a corresponding member of the Society.

Five large photographs, illustrative of basketry, an art common among all the North American Indians; also a fine life-size, three-quarter length portrait of Dr. Oronhyatekha, S. C. R., of Toronto, Ont., a celebrated Mohawk Indian Chief, were the gifts of Mr. William C. Bryant, of Buffalo, N. Y. The portrait of Dr. Oronhyatekha is the work of a London artist, and was handsomely framed by the donor.

HISTORICAL RELICS AND CURIOS.

Twenty-six relics of rare interest were added to our cabinets during the year.

A large number of miscellaneous articles of historic interest were also received, of which a complete list, with the names of the donors, accompanies this report.

THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES.

During the thirty-three years of its existence the archives of the Society have become an extensive collection.

They contain many documents not only of great value as part of the history of the Society, but of exceeding interest as the correspondence of distinguished persons.

For the better security of the archives and other treasures of the Society against loss by fire, the Board of Managers took out a policy in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, January 17, 1894, for \$10,000. For the further prevention of abuse to our property by the rougher element of our population who know not the

proprieties of public conduct, and who overran the Library building last winter and spring, we enclosed the vestibule by a glass partition and placed a guard at the door, and we have now a more desirable and appreciative class of visitors. A policeman now patrols the main vestibule of the Library building and it is hoped that the vandalism and scenes of last winter and spring will not be repeated.

CONCLUSION.

It will readily be seen from this report that the past year, notwithstanding the hard times, has been a prosperous one for this Society—in the generous gift to its building fund, in the increase of its membership, and in the additions to its library and collections.

We may well add that the past year has been one of progress in the work of the Society, in a widening of its influence and usefulness, as well as in the collection of material, that once lost can never be replaced, and in garnering the relics that recall the heroism of the patriot and the pioneer, the fathers and founders of this beautiful city, where every foot of ground is consecrated by memories of the past—memories that bring us into touch with noble men whose deeds for God and native land are here recorded and filed for reference.

The unselfish labor of the Society in this work deserves constant and substantial encouragement from an enlightened and liberal community, for whose benefit its collections are made and preserved and its best exertions put forth.

If we are left to struggle with insufficient resources, the fair promise of its early years will never be fulfilled. Let us make a united, earnest, and vigorous effort to continue the work successfully in the year to come, and make it the most prosperous of all the years in everything that relates to the permanent prosperity of the Society.

In closing this report, we express our grateful thanks to every donor who has contributed to increase any of the Society's collections.

* The report was approved and ordered placed on file.

The President, Andrew Langdon, then read an enthusiastic address, reviewing the work of the year, which was warmly received and applauded.

PRESIDENT LANGDON'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Buffalo Historical Society:

A third of a century has passed since "at the law office of Marshall & Harvey, 330 Main Street, up-stairs," (we are still climbing up-stairs) fourteen far-seeing, patriotic men of Buffalo, then a city of eighty-five thousand inhabitants, met together for the purpose of founding the Buffalo Historical Society, and handing down to us the records of our infancy, as well as recording the history of the passing day.

The beginning was small, the first year's membership was only forty-six. Today it is about seven hundred; the greatest number in its history. There are, however, vacancies still remaining; and no one need fear being

placed on a waiting list. The Buffalo Historical Society has reached a point in its history and in the history of the city, when it must feel and acknowledge "Noblesse oblige."

Having received in large measure, it would be unworthy of its own high standing did it not give again of its rich abundance to those who have raised it to its present proud position. As a people, we have been absorbed in money-getting, in establishing homes for ourselves; and we are all too prone to overlook and forget deeds of heroism and bravery on the part of those who laid the foundations of our firesides.

We take no proper note of the vicious swarms coming to our shores from the very dregs of Europe. All important, then, is it that we utilize every opportunity to inculcate true patriotism in the hearts of the younger generation.

The Buffalo Historical Society has a nucleus that must reach out with gracious hand, holding up where all can see the object lessons we can give, making its influence felt in our beautiful city. The Buffalo Historical Society should stand as a synonym for patriotic, liberal education, for love of country, for all the higher, loftier attributes of man and citizen.

To the fourteen men who founded the Buffalo Historical Society are due the thanks of Buffalo, the Greater, of 1895, with her almost four hundred thousand people, now the third city of the great Empire State, the tenth, possibly the ninth, of our Imperial Union, the sixth com-

mercial port of the world, a city whose assured future is already outlined in the glorious blaze of electricity, with possibilities so great that it is unsafe to put predictions on paper. These fourteen men have all passed over the great silent river, but their works live after them. Let me do them honor by reading their names.

MILLARD FILLMORE,	REV. WILLIAM SHELTON,
LEWIS F. ALLEN,	REV. WALTER CLARK,
CHARLES D. NORTON,	ORSAMUS H. MARSHALL,
GUY H. SALISBURY,	HENRY W. ROGERS,
OLIVER G. STEELE,	NATHAN K. HALL,
GEORGE R. BABCOCK,	GEORGE W. CLINTON,
WILLIAM DORSHEIMER,	REV. GEORGE W. HOSMER.

Millard Fillmore was the first President. A long line of honored names, twenty-four in number, has followed, of whom ten only are now living.

In material prosperity we have great cause for satisfaction, our permanent and building funds aggregating over \$40,000. The interest only of the permanent fund is available for general expenses. By the admirably-drawn Act of Legislature of May 15, 1885, the principal of this fund is so guarded that to use it for any purpose whatever is a misdemeanor, thereby insuring the permanency of the institution for all time.

Our income from this interest and from memberships is our reliance for support. The amount is entirely too small for the work which ought to be done by the Society, even were all dues promptly paid by our members. Unfortunately, quite a large number overlook their plain

business obligations to us, and in the aggregate a large amount is due and unpaid. We trust this reminder will be all that our friends will require to induce them to call upon the Treasurer.

At this time the money is especially desired by the Board to enable the Historical Society to avail itself of the State University aid for the increase of our library. We have already been registered by the University; and upon raising or appropriating \$200 ourselves, the State will give us an equal amount for expenditure in books of historical, geographical, or genealogical character. The Board hopes this can speedily be accomplished. No argument is needed on this subject. The daily increasing use of our library by lawyers, scholars, members of the press, and others, shows how important a factor it has become. In many cases, historical and genealogical data are obtained here, not to be found elsewhere. This applies especially to persons looking up their ancestry for membership in the societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and kindred patriotic institutions.

Our portraits, our Indian and Revolutionary relics, our medals and our numismatic collections are, taken together, probably unequalled west of the Metropolis, although Chicago, with the Field Museum, will soon leave us far in the rear.

In landmarks, we have as yet but one of importance. All know of the fine bronze monument erected to Red Jacket and his race. We should be enabled soon to

commemorate the memories of Ellicott, La Salle, Clinton, Lafayette, and others with equal or greater prominence.

The winter of 1813-14 was the saddest in the history of Buffalo. Our frontier was deserted, the villages of Buffalo and Black Rock were sacked and burned. Its inhabitants were many of them massacred. (You have before you one wheel of a wagon used at that time to carry a fleeing family from the village). All that the Americans had gained on the northern frontier during the year 1813, except a small piece of territory in Michigan, had been lost; and on New Year's day, 1814, the settlers along the whole length of Niagara—those of them who survived—were shivering beside the smouldering embers of their homes. Before the year ended better fortunes prevailed. On September 17, 1814, General Jacob Brown made a sortie from Fort Erie on the siege works of the British. After bloody fighting, with loss to the American forces of five hundred and twenty men, and to the British of six hundred and nine men, their guns were spiked, dismounted, and rendered useless, their magazines exploded and many prisoners captured.

This sortie of General Brown was one of the most brilliant and successful in the annals of war, and it was, in fact, the turning point of the War of 1812.

Benjamin Franklin said soon after the surrender of Cornwallis: "This is only the war of Revolution. The war of Independence is yet to be fought." It was the determined purpose of England to nullify and render valueless the victories of the Revolution gained by the

American Colonies. This war of Independence was the result anticipated by the wise old philosopher, and cost the United States one hundred million dollars in money and thirty thousand lives ; but we had much to show for the sacrifice of life and treasure.

For the gallant services rendered by the brave Quaker General, he received the thanks of Congress and a gold medal "emblematic of his triumphs." He was afterward promoted to Major-General, and in 1821 succeeded to the supreme command of the Army of the United States.

So far as known, but one of the cannon dismounted and spiked by General Brown on that memorable occasion is still in existence. This historic cannon was presented to us by our adopted and esteemed fellow-citizen, David Bell, Esq., and by permission of the Park Commissioners it has been planted in Lafayette Square, where it will ever be an object lesson of patriotism and valor, of especial value to the young. It seems most unfortunate that the eightieth anniversary of the battle of Fort Erie (Sept. 17, 1814) and the bravery of General Brown, was not commemorated with appropriate ceremony.

Our most important gift for 1894 was from one who, being a lawyer, knows how hard it is to draw a lawyer-proof will, and therefore wisely chose to be his own executor, making sure thereby that his money reached the object intended, and also enjoying the happiness of seeing others made happy by his generosity.

Judge Smith, by his contribution, established the nucleus of a building fund, of which principal and interest must

be used for that specific purpose and no other. May he be with us when the Society shall have a substantial fire-proof home of its own, and in that home the place of honor should be known as the James Murdock Smith room.

That such a house is needed today for the proper display and safe keeping of our valuable collections is fully attested by their crowded condition and still more by the treasures that cannot be seen for want of suitable place for their display. Such building should be located, not as the present one is, amid the smoke, dirt and noise, with constant danger of fire, in the business district, but well out in an easily accessible, quiet neighborhood with plenty of light and air. Many such sites are available and at comparatively low cost. Examples of such locations are numerous in Europe, notably the Borghese at Rome, and perhaps the most beautiful in any country, the Ariana, at Geneva; while in our own country we have the Lenox Library and the Metropolitan Museum in New York, the Newberry Library in Chicago, and others.

The year has been a fruitful one in the matter of smaller donations. Hundreds of books, maps and pamphlets have been added, and many new portraits have been hung among the familiar faces on the walls. Our membership shows most gratifying increase, numbering one hundred and three paying annual members, twenty-one paying life members, and fifty-three honorary, corresponding, and complimentary—a total of one hundred

and seventy-seven, largely exceeding the accessions in any previous year in the Society's history.

The Society's income during the past year has, for the second time since 1888, exceeded expenses, with the balance on the credit side of our ledger.

In closing my term of service, I beg to call attention to our efforts to interest the women of Buffalo in our work. We deeply regret that the movement has not, as yet, met with more hearty response. That the spark will some day flame, and that, in the near future, women will occupy a place in the affairs of the Society, is important—it is inevitable.

Permit me to call attention to the great improvement in the class of visitors the past year, even at the expense of numbers. Our rooms are no longer a congregating place for loafers and hoboos. The additional room acquired at the head of the stairway is a great improvement at slight cost. Our location, however, at the top of a modern building, with an antique stairway, is most unfortunate to many, particularly elderly people, to whom our Society is specially interesting; this renders our chambers very inaccessible, indeed prohibitory. We again express the hope that some one or more of Buffalo's rich men will emulate the example of those in other and even smaller towns, and build for us a noble memorial building. Following in the line of the Franklin bequest to Boston, our Judge Smith fund will aggregate \$430,000 in one hundred years. But, citizens of Buffalo, ye men who have made vast fortunes in our city, must

we wait one hundred years for what we so greatly need today? Is there no man among us who will emulate Peter Cooper and build for himself a monument more lasting than any that Forest Lawn holds to-day, one that will cause future generations to bless his name?

Buffalo is richer, wiser and better to-day for having the Historical Society within its borders. The field for enlarging its usefulness is unbounded; and when our citizens realize that success in life is measured, not by what we accumulate, but by what we distribute, not by what we hold, but by the use we make of money and God-given talents, by the manner in which we meet and carry our responsibilities of life, and the great change comes to us, men will not ask: "How much did he leave?" but, "What did he do?"

To the Board of Councillors, who have given such cordial co-operation, and who have shown most generous forbearance to their executive officer, are due my earnest thanks. To my successor, I extend cordial good wishes, and express the hope that his administration will eclipse in prosperity all the past administrations of the Buffalo Historical Society.

George A. Stringer then moved that 2,000 copies of the Annual Report be printed for distribution, and that the President's address be incorporated therein. This motion was seconded and duly carried.

A motion was made by T. Guilford Smith, that a committee of five be appointed to nominate Officers and Councillors for the ensuing year.

William C. Bryant suggested that two sets of nominations be made.

Discussion regarding the number of Councillors, who should constitute the Board of Managers, followed, Hon. James O. Putnam, Hon. James M. Smith, William C. Bryant, President Langdon, Hon. Henry A. Richmond, and W. H. H. Newman participating therein.

Mr. Smith's motion was then carried.

The motion made by Mr. Putnam that the number of Councillors be limited to nine, was seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion was lost. Thereupon, Hon. E. S. Hawley said that he had employed counsel to ascertain whether the number might be increased from fifteen to twenty-one, and had been advised that it could not legally be done. Mr. Hawley then moved that the Society direct the incoming Board of Councillors to apply to the Legislature for an act legalizing the work of the preceding Boards of Councillors since 1882.

The motion, being seconded, was duly carried.

The President named as committee on nominations: T. Guilford Smith, C. R. Wilson, G. A. Stringer, James Sweeney, C. J. North. The committee reported the following ticket:

President—Andrew Langdon.

Vice-President—James Fraser Gluck.

Recording Secretary—Hon. Henry W. Hill.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian—George G. Barnum.*

Treasurer—George W. Townsend.

*Mr. Barnum resigned on January 15, 1895, and Edward D. Strickland was elected on February 5, 1895.

Councillors—Hon. James M. Smith, James Tillinghast, Mrs. Mary Norton Thompson, Dr. F. H. James, Mrs. Emily Babcock Alward, Hon. Henry A. Richmond, J. N. Larned, George S. Hazard, George A. Stringer, Dr. Albert H. Briggs, Dr. Joseph C. Greene, Cyrus K. Remington, Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, Miss Charlotte Mulligan, Frank H. Severance.

Upon motion of T. Guilford Smith, the Society proceeded to the election of officers by ballot. President Langdon appointed as tellers, C. M. Underhill and Philip S. Smith, who reported that the regular nominees had been duly elected.

Dr. Joseph C. Greene, chairman of the Committee on Club Meetings, submitted the following course of lectures for the year 1895 :

January 28, Prof. Henry P. Emerson : "The Growth of the German Empire."

February 11, Prof. Horace Briggs : "Hawaii."

February 25, Mr. Frank H. Severance : "The Misadventures of Robert Marsh."

March 11, Rev. Henry Elliott Mott : "Canossa and Worms."

March 25, Dr. Roswell Park : "History of Medicine and Surgery."

April 15, Rev. W. P. Odell : "The Rhine," Illustrated.

On motion of William C. Bryant, the thirty-third annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was then declared adjourned.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1894.

A.

- Aaron, Rev. Israel, D. D., Buffalo: 1 photo portrait.
 Adams, William W., Union Springs, N. Y.: 15 Indian relics.
 Allen, W. D., Buffalo: 1 manuscript, 34 autographs, 1 portrait.
 American Congregational Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 American Folk Lore Society, Cambridge, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, New York: 1 pamphlet.
 American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia: 1 journal.
 American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
 Andrews, Mrs. J. B., Buffalo: 1 water color.
 Armstrong, Charles B., Buffalo: 3 bound volumes *New York Times*, 1859-60.
 Atkins, Barton, Buffalo: autograph letter of Washington Irving, 2 volumes, 1 paper, collection Alaskan relics, photograph Phoenix Hotel.

B.

- Bachert, Philip, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Baker, Howard H., Buffalo: 1 bound volume *Log Cabin*.
 Bardeen, C. W., publisher, Syracuse, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Barnum, George G., Buffalo: 1 bronze medal, 1 nickel coin.
 Barnum, Clara, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: 16 autograph letters, 1 paper.
 Batchelder, R. N., Washington, D. C., 1 volume.
 Barrowman, Moses W., Buffalo: 1 calico printer's mall 75 years old.
 Beauchamp, Rev. W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Bell, David, Buffalo: 1 photograph.
 Benjamin, W. E., New York: 4 pamphlets.
 Bennett, Mrs. Harriet A., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet, 1 portrait.

- Berry, Rev. Thomas B., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet, 2 scrap books.
 Biblia Publishing Co., Meriden, Conn.: 1 magazine.
 Bishop, Hon. Charles F., Buffalo, tin box containing papers taken from eagle on liberty pole.
 Bissell, Hon. Wilson S., Washington, D. C.: set proof postage stamps.
 Bixby, J. W., Buffalo: 1 paper.
 Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, Mass.: 1 paper, 2 pamphlets, 3 tracts.
 Briggs, Albert H., M. D., Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Brinker & Jones, Buffalo: 2 volumes.
 Brush, Edward N., Baltimore, Md.: 1 pamphlet.
 Bryant, W. C., Buffalo: 5 photographs, 1 portrait.
 Buffalo Board of Health: 2 pamphlets.
 Buffalo College of Pharmacy: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Park Commission: 1 pamphlet.
 Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences: 2 papers.
 Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 4 volumes, 8 pamphlets.
 Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.: 4 volumes, 6 pamphlets.
 Burton, C. M., Detroit, Mich.: 9 papers, 14 sketches.
 Burt, Henry W., Buffalo: 1 paper.
 Butler, E. H., Buffalo: *Evening News*, 1894.

C.

- California Historical Society, San Francisco, Cal.: 1 pamphlet.
 Canfield, Thomas H., Burlington, Vt.: 1 volume.
 Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 1 volume.
 Carey, Mrs. H. C., Buffalo: 2 lithographs framed, 23 volumes, 7 pamphlets.
 Catholic Truth Society, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Chapin, Willis O., Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Chabot, J. T., Buffalo: glass case containing relic of early Buffalo.
 Cassius, S. E., Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, N. Y.: 1 volume.
 Charity Organization Society, Buffalo: 2 pamphlets.
 Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Science, Jamestown, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.: 3 pamphlets.
 Childs, George W., Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
 Cincinnati Society of Natural Sciences, Cincinnati, O.: 1 pamphlet.

- Cincinnati Society of Natural History, Cincinnati, O.: 3 pamphlets.
 Gilley, Gen. J. P., Rockland, Me.: 2 pamphlets.
 Clark, Martin, Buffalo: 2 framed photographs.
 Cleveland, Josephine P., Springfield, Ill.: 3 pamphlets.
 Clement, S. M., Jr., Buffalo, 1 volume.
 Coats, Irving W., Shortsville, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
 Cobden Club, London, Eng.: 1 pamphlet.
 Colby, Lloyd, Buffalo: 1 brass check Paris Exposition, 1889, 1 medal World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.
 Colby University, Waterville, Me.: 2 pamphlets.
 Colie, Mrs. Helen E., Buffalo: 1 portrait.
 Collins, Mrs. W. H., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn.: 1 pamphlet.
 Conover, Hon. George S., Geneva, N. Y.: 1 paper.
 Conover, L., Buffalo: 1 belt worn by him during war of the Rebellion.
 Conover, Oliver Lee, Buffalo: 4 copper war tokens, 2 brass store cards.
 Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 1 volume, 19 pamphlets.
 Courier Co., Buffalo: *Buffalo Courier* for 1894.
 Cousins, Rev. E. M., Portland, Me.: 1 pamphlet.
 Craig, Isaac, Allegheny, Pa.: 1 paper.
 Crawford, W. J., Buffalo: 2 photographs, facsimile of testimonial from Washington Memorial Association.

D.

- Daniels, Hon. Charles, Buffalo: 7 volumes.
 Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.: 2 pamphlets.
 Danvers Historical Society, Danvers, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Dawes, Julius H., Buffalo: 1 photo portrait.
 Dawes, Mrs. J. H., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Dedham Historical Society, Dedham, Mass.: 4 pamphlets.
 Department of State, Washington, D. C.: 9 volumes, 13 pamphlets.
 Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.: 21 maps.
 De Peyster, Brev. Maj.-Gen. J. Watts, Tivoli: 1 pamphlet.
 Devereux, Walter, Buffalo: wax impression of Red Jacket seal.
 Drake, Samuel Adams, Kennebunkport, Me.: 3 volumes.
 Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.: 2 pamphlets.
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Permission was obtained from the Board of Park Commissioners to place the cannon, under the direction of the Superintendent, in Lafayette Park, in front of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, facing Main Street.

NOTE 2.—Captain Balcorn, in his letter of September 21st, 1894, making the gift to the Society, gives the following interesting historical sketch:

"I hereby formally present to you an English cannon, found buried on the bank of Niagara River, near the corner of Ferry and Niagara Streets.

"This gun, as you will see, bears the Crown stamped on the upper surface, and the number, 9,334.

"The immediate locality where this cannon was found was the scene of a battle of the War of 1812.

APPENDIX.

NOTE 1.—At the sortie from Fort Erie in the War of 1812 a British battery fell into the hands of the Americans and the guns were spiked and left upon the field. Many years after the close of the war, four of those guns found their way into the United States and were sold to Mr. David Bell of this city for old iron. One, 9 feet 8 inches in length, being in a better condition than the others, was cleaned and mounted.

After it had done silent guard duty at his works for twenty years, Mr. Bell presented it to the Historical Society on September 17th, 1894, the anniversary of the battle and of its capture.

The thanks of the Society were tendered Mr. Bell, and, in grateful recognition of his valuable gift, he was made a life member of the Society.

Permission was obtained from the Board of Park Commissioners to place the cannon, under the direction of the Superintendent, in Lafayette Park, in front of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, facing Main Street.

NOTE 2.—Captain Balcom, in his letter of September 21st, 1894, making the gift to the Society, gives the following interesting historical sketch:

"I hereby formally present to you an English cannon, found buried on the bank of Niagara River, near the corner of Ferry and Niagara Streets.

"This gun, as you will see, bears the Crown stamped on the upper surface, and the number, 2,334.

"The immediate locality where this cannon was found was the scene of a battle of the War of 1812.

"My great-grandfather, a Captain of a battery, commanded the hill at the corner of Ferry and Niagara Streets and prevented the British from landing on the American shore for several hours. This I learned when a small boy from my grandfather, the late P. A. Balcom, who lived at Cold Springs nearly half a century and up to the time of his death in 1879.

"Therefore this gun becomes endeared to me the more from the fact that he probably assisted in its capture; and I glory in it as a trophy, both from a National and personal standpoint, and regret that it is not in a perfect state of preservation, as the carriage arms on the side and the breach head ball or knob are broken off; probably done at the time it was spiked, by the Britishers themselves, when besieged, as history tells us, by the American Army, marching out Niagara Street; and to prevent the gun from being turned upon them, as they embarked and hurriedly sought safety on the Canadian shore, they disabled it. Please accept the cannon, with my compliments and best wishes.

Yours very truly,

HARRISON C. BALCOM,

Captain 74th Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y."

NOTE 3. — We also give a short extract from a communication to the *Buffalo Morning Express*, by Mr. Cyrus K. Remington, our local historian, under date of March 20, 1887, relative to the gun found by Captain Balcom:

"On the ninth of October, 1812, occurred that daring and successful feat of cutting out from under the guns of Fort Erie the brig Adams and the schooner Caledonia, by a party of 100 volunteers, under command of Lieutenant Jesse D. Elliott, of the United States Navy.

"In his report to the Secretary of the Navy, he says that the Detroit (formerly the Adams and surrendered by Hull,) mounted six six-pounders, long guns, the Caledonia two small guns. After the Adams had grounded and been set on fire, the British commander sent over a flag, informing our General that any attempt to remove the guns from the hull of the vessel would provoke a fire from their batteries. In spite of his threat, Captain Cyrenius Chapin, with a

party of soldiers and marines, went on board and took out a large twelve-pounder; the evening of the following Sunday Lieutenant Watts went on board with a number of men and brought away another twelve-pounder, which, together with an eighteen-pounder lately brought up from Fort Schlosser, were placed on the batteries near the river.

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"We have learned from such meagre records as are accessible that, although the British invaded our territory, destroyed and captured guns from us, two cases only are cited where we retained and used on this side of the river their guns, namely: those taken from the Adams and the Caledonia, and later those of the British fleet on the tenth of September, 1813, by Commodore Perry.

"I am inclined to the opinion that this relic is one of the guns captured by Lieutenant Elliott on the ninth of September, 1812.

* * * * * The trunions of this gun are both broken off and, when first discovered, one was firmly wedged in the muzzle of the gun; there is also a ball intrenched a few inches farther in. The trunion disappeared during the night and possibly the gun would have gone the way of all relics, if it had not been so heavy."

NOTE 4. — Regarding the crown, the letter P under it, and the figures 2,334 which are cut in the iron of which it is made, we beg to quote from Col. Shanly's letter on the subject to the *Express*, under date of March 27, 1887, in which he says:

"It has been the custom of the Royal Gun Factory for the past century, at least, to stamp every gun cast for service with the crown, and underneath the initial letter of the surname of the master-general of the Artillery, at the time of the construction of the gun. Between the years 1802 and 1808 that officer's name was Pitt, and observing the letter P under the crown on the gun, I conclude, as I find there was no officer with the same initial previously, that this gun was made at that period, and that therefore its age is about eighty-five years. The number 2,334 does not indicate either the weight or capacity of the gun, but refers to the number of the class constructed within some fixed period as recorded in the factory.

"From the very exact data given in the illustration, this is an iron twelve-pounder gun of a pattern long since declared obsolete. The length of that pattern was 7 feet, 6 inches, and the diameter of bore at muzzle 4 inches and a fraction. The weight 21 cwt. Such guns were convertible either for naval service or land batteries and could have been, but so far as I can ascertain seldom were, used on field carriages. This part of my remarks, I think, substantially supports Mr. Remington's conjecture as to the nature of the gun and, I submit, fixes the date, or nearly so, of its construction.

"It is undoubtedly an interesting relic of a period, the counterpart of which may, I hope, never again become historic on the continent of North America.

J. SHANLY, Lt.-Col., Retired List, Artillery, A. F. Canada.

London, Ont., March 26."

NOTE 5.—Mr. Remington in his letter to the *Express*, under date of March 27, 1887, gives all that has been learned about this old mortar. We give an extract:

"When and where this piece of ordnance was made, I have not been able to determine; there are no marks visible on it; the storms of years have obliterated all traces, if there were any originally. Certainly it was one of those pieces brought to this frontier at the commencement of the War of 1812, as we then find it planted in a ravine, since filled for the pathway of the Park extension south of the Water Works buildings on the bank. There it did noble duty in hurling shells across the river into Canada.† * * * *

And after cessation of hostility, it played an important part as a pile-driver in building the harbor in 1820, as we shall notice further on. After that it was placed in the yard of the foundry of Judge Wilkeson.

†Through the efforts of Dr. Joseph C. Greene, the Society has recently come into possession of a 10-inch shell, which undoubtedly was one of those "hurled across the river into Canada" by this very mortar. This shell, weighing 86 pounds, was found buried in the sand close by the ruins of old Fort Erie, by Mr. Charles A. Buehl, of Buffalo, who donated it to the Society. The shell, marked with a plate bearing the inscription, "Presented to the Buffalo Historical Society by Charles A. Buehl, 1894," has been placed just beneath the old mortar on the steps of the monument.

"Here I will quote Mr. John Wilkeson, son of the Judge, who, under date of October 11, 1886, writes me: 'The late Hiram Yaw asked me one day if I had some suitable mass of iron to let him have to place in front of his stores at the corner of Main and Dayton streets. He went with me to the foundry yard at the corner of Indiana and Ohio streets, of which I was one of the owners; we looked around but found nothing except this old mortar which my father some years before had placed in the yard for safe keeping. This occurred in 1842 or 1843, or perhaps later. It is my impression now that I said to Mr. Yaw: "You can take the mortar," and at the same time gave him a history of it. He took it and placed it where it is now.'

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"Buffalo Creek in 1820 entered the lake about 1,000 feet north of its present mouth, running for some distance parallel with the shore. A new channel had to be made across the point which was about seven feet high and 300 wide.

"Favorable contracts were made during the winter for timber and material and, as the pier was sufficiently extended to protect the pile-driving scow, and as the use of this machine would be important in the future in prosecuting the work, it was determined to finish it. The hammer and other material necessary to its completion had been contracted for in Ohio, but, owing to a misunderstanding, had not been received. The iron gearing could be dispensed with and fortunately a good substitute for a hammer was found in the old United States mortar used as stated during the last war, but which had lost one of its trunions. After breaking off the other, two holes were bored through the ends of the staple (at the top of the mortar) by which to hoist it, the ends of this staple projecting into the mortar were bent, and the chamber itself filled with metal. Similar holes, three in number, were bored on the sides, or rather the front and back, and two bars of iron between two and three inches square, firmly secured to act as guides, the hollow part being filled with a hard piece of wood cut off even with the end. It proved to be an excellent hammer of about 2,000 pounds weight. The machinery to raise this hammer was of the simplest kind and worked by a single horse."

Dr. Joseph C. Greene, during a recent trip to Washington, D. C., visited the Navy Yard and there made thorough investigation as to the origin of the old mortar, establishing the fact that without doubt this is an American piece. Dr. Greene also consulted Mr. A. M. Clapp, of Washington, an old-time Buffalonian and editor of the *Buffalo Express*, in whose possession were clippings from the newspapers of the days during which the mortar was in use, which fully corroborate the history of this piece as given above by Mr. Remington.

NOTE 6.—The following sketch is taken from the *Buffalo Express*:

A MEMORABLE FUNERAL.

THE RE-INTERMENT OF OVER 100 OF RED JACKET'S COMPATRIOTS AT
FOREST LAWN, BUFFALO, NOVEMBER 12—AN IMPRESSIVE
CEREMONY IN THE SNOW.

A blinding snowstorm in place of sweet Indian summer! The air is thick with fleecy flakes, unvexed by the breeze and which descend silently and persistently, heaping up high the roadways and draping fences, trees, and buildings in fantastic robes of dazzling white. Scarce anything is distinguishable through this spectral medium of falling flakes. An occasional pedestrian, bowing low to the storm, toils through the drifts; anon, a surprised team wearily drags the wheels of a vehicle through the unusual impediment. But the drama of every-day, human life is not to be obstructed by so trivial a cause as an unseasonable snowfall. A funeral procession is slowly moving up the avenue to the silent city at its head. It is no imposing pageant, only an ordinary wagon, full of plain pine boxes, and followed by a covered carriage, in which are seated three women and two men, the sole sympathizing witnesses at the funeral of a race vanished or fast disappearing. The pine boxes inclose the bones of about one hundred of the tribesmen and compatriots of Red Jacket, exhumed from the old Mission Cemetery and destined by the city authorities (but for the intervention of a few good men) to be dumped into the Potter's Field! The names of the dead are unknown, for over their humble graves, primitive nobles and lords of the soil as they were, were reared no monuments; and now the exigencies of city life decreed

that the lowly sleepers shall vacate their couches for other seats which are as yet uncovered by the despoiler.

It was remarked that their names had perished. Not so with one. There was no mistaking the Jove-like and turbaned head of Captain Pollard, his robes of beaded broadcloth and gay wampum sashes. The Indian maiden, in a separate coffin, teases our awakened curiosity. The prosaic gravedigger styled her "The Princess," and wondered by what spell she won the love and devotion of an impoverished tribe, evinced by the rich garniture of silken robes and elaborately embroidered blanket. Who can tell?

Slowly the little procession creeps through the drifts to Forest Lawn where Red Jacket, old Wayne, Washington, the war chief, Tall Peter, The Young King, and their shadowy companions are waiting to give them welcome. Wonder if, when they are laid to rest, and the long nights come, the braves will arise a phantom band and rally round their stern old sachem, and will the dells and cliffs of the Scajaquada throw back their chants and wild whoops as in the long ago? But the imposing monument, with its bronze statuesque warden, draws near, the wind sighs through the leafless trees, and the snowflakes fall faster. No one awaits our coming save three or four laborers leaning on their spades, and one tall muffled form in whom we recognize the good Doctor, whose enthusiasm, evoked by the mummied denizens of the Nile, and their achievements, has not blinded him to the pathos of the lordly Iroquois. No prayer is said, no funeral hymn chanted as the caskets are slowly lowered into the graves. The clods rattle discordantly on their lids. The sky drops its crystalline tears. A curtain of white is slowly descending on the last pathetic scene in the drama of an ill-starred race. The great unconscious city, happy in the possession of the red man's heritage, heeds and cares nothing.

Farewell, hapless children of nature! May your sleep be sweet and never again be broken by wanton hands!

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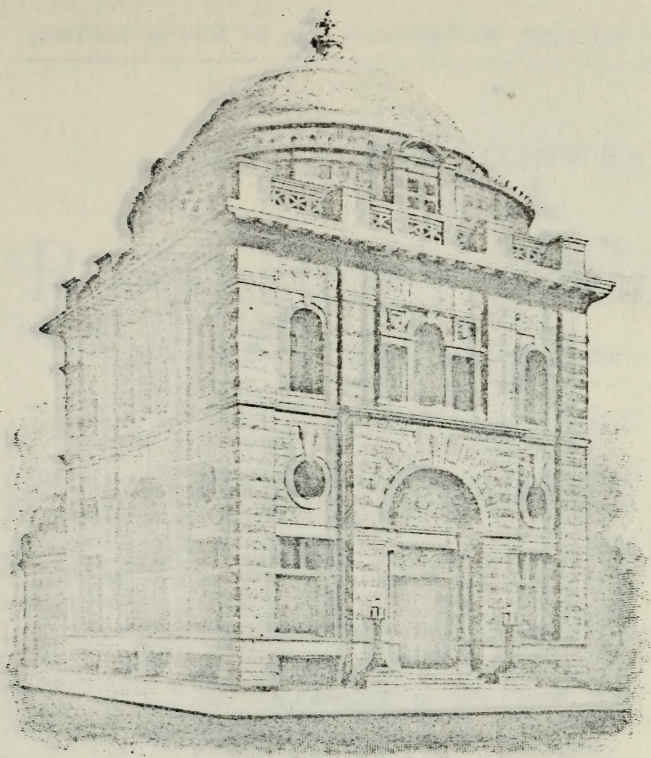
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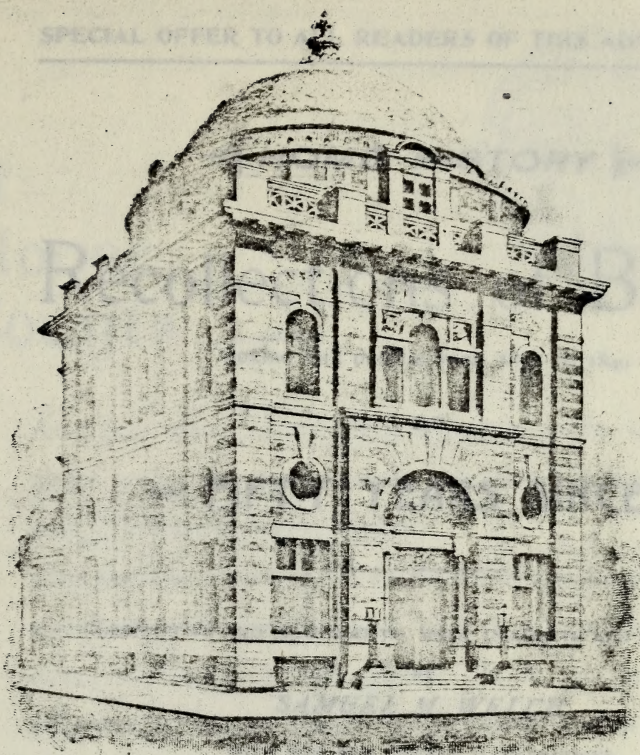
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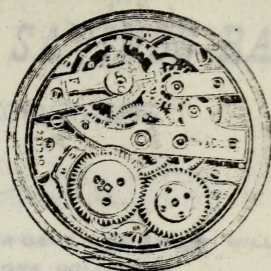
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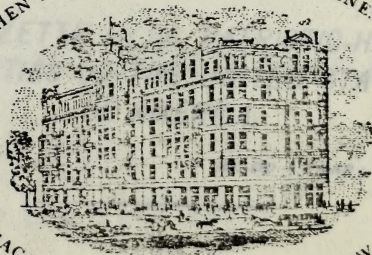
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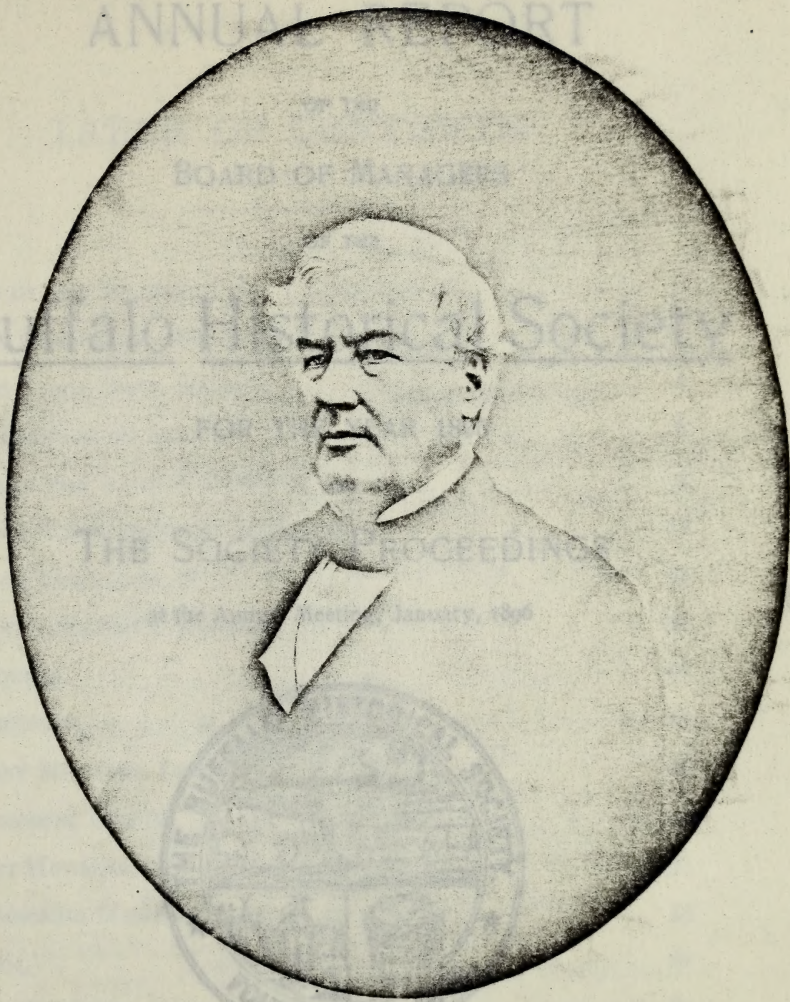
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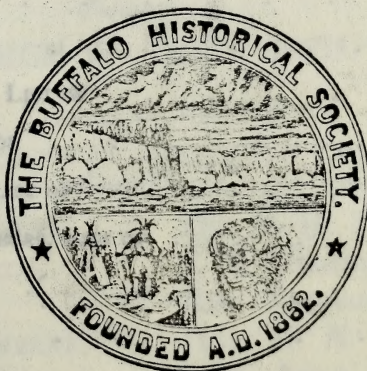
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The Corresponding Secretary presented the report of the Board of Trustees for the year 1867. The report of the financial condition of the Society was also presented, and was received, approved and ordered to be printed. The President, Langdon, delivered the annual address, a retrospect and an outlook into the work of the Society.

Upon its conclusion, on motion of Hon. James M. Smith, the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, together with the President's address, were ordered to be published.

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After referring to the reason for the non-passage of the Act for the relief of the Society, introduced last year, the Hon. James M. Smith read copy of an Act to be

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that there were on the shelves of the library, at the close of the year 1894, 8,497 volumes and 6,134 historical pamphlets. At the close of the year, 1895, we would respectfully report 8,823 volumes and 6,685 pamphlets.

The accessions to the library during 1895 include 344 volumes and 551 pamphlets, periodicals and papers. There have also been placed among the indexed historical pamphlets about 100 very valuable accessions. It is often found that in these pamphlets, of few pages, the most important and interesting historical or statistical information is concentrated. This collection has been freely consulted during the last twelve months and we often find, as we make use of these indexed cases, that it is the little things that tell.

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"It is, therefore, desirable at once, so far as practicable, to secure at least for a few public libraries, copies of everything which is printed, for in the mysterious diversity of human investigations, there is nothing which may not at some time be important."

You, who are members of this Society ; you, also, who read the printed report, do not think anything of too little value to be worthy of our consideration. Flood us, if you will, with what may seem to you absolutely worthless material ; let us be the judge, let us weigh the merits of the gifts on our scales which are balanced and adjusted to the interests of all.

The foregoing figures are encouraging. They show steady progress, and that the Society is enjoying its share of the great prosperity of our city. The growth of our library is but one indication of the fact that our usefulness is increasing. Another potent mark is the increase of the number of our patrons. Not a day passes when your librarians are not called to assist some patron in finding data on various subjects. Many letters have been received from those seeking information upon questions covering an ever-widening field of investigation, and it is with genuine satisfaction that we are able to report the success which has crowned our efforts to render such service. Your Secretary has even been consulted, and agreed upon, as authority and arbitrator in questions where wagers have been laid. One, not thoroughly in touch with the work of the Society, cannot realize how varied are the interests and

perplexities of the many who seek satisfaction from the pages of our historical library.

The number of persons who pursue genealogical research among our alcoves, is steadily and markedly increasing. In fact, that department of our work shows more readers and students than does any other single branch. The various patriotic and hereditary societies, especially, the Sons of the Revolution, and the Daughters of the Revolution, have given a new impulse and vigor to the work of the genealogist.

Our library is fast becoming one of the regular haunts of the genealogist, professional and amateur, and there is constant call for family records, and town and county histories. Many of these books we are able to supply, but many others are not in our possession. Our collection is admirable so far as it goes, but, owing to the fact that until the past year no special fund has existed for the maintenance and enlargement of the library, it has gone only so far as donors saw fit to make it go.

During this new year we hope to make greatly desired additions to these records. The expressions of gratitude from the students and the great personal satisfaction of having been of service to a fellow-worker are sufficient rewards for the time and labor necessary to the success attained.

Since the organization of the Society in 1862 to the time of the present administration the books and periodicals have been catalogued in an old book, which after long years is ready to take its proper place on the shelf,

with the other books whose existence it has faithfully recorded. During the year the Society has purchased an oak case for a card catalogue, which is capable of containing 30,000 cards. Work upon a card catalogue is already begun, and, while progress is necessarily slow, the catalogue, when completed, will reflect great credit upon the Society and will be of incalculable value to your librarians and to all who may use the library. Instead of having to hunt laboriously through several pages for the title of a book, to find that the book sought is not in our possession, we can turn at once to the proper card and thus conserve time and energy.

There is much historical information on many subjects to which no clue is given by the old system of indexing. Papers on various subjects are embodied in a volume of the Collections of some Historical Society. These articles, by the system of cross-indexing, may be found as readily as any complete volume under the old system.

The work of gleaning duplicate volumes and pamphlets has been carefully pushed forward; the contents of several boxes and packages of material which have been laid away "to await a more convenient season," and on which the dust and black dirt of Buffalo time and ages have settled with a vengeance, have been thoroughly overhauled and filed in their special cases.

Another important feature in making our library more accessible to the public and in widening its sphere of usefulness, is the act of your Board in registering the library with the University of the State of New York.

By this act we have been able to provide a Library and Publication fund; with the money thus provided books have been purchased, periodicals bound, and a new volume of the Society collections is about to be issued.* Later mention is made of some of the most valuable accessions by purchase or by donation.

THE NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

This department is also assuming greater prominence and importance. Our newspapers form a unique portion of the Society's collection and are consulted by all classes for all purposes. We can readily understand why this is so, when we consider the varied nature of their contents. They are a complete chronicle of the history of each day; they record everything. In many instances they constitute the only record of many events of local history. Used in connection with our compiled records of marriages and deaths in Buffalo since 1811, the newspapers are a source of great information, a fact which is now becoming more fully appreciated.

Through the generosity of the proprietors and publishers, we are provided regularly with the issues of the *Buffalo Morning Express*, the *Illustrated Buffalo Express*, the *Buffalo Courier*, daily and Sunday, the *Buffalo Evening News*, the *Buffalo Sunday News*, the *Buffalo Commercial*, the *Buffalo Enquirer*, *Der Buffalo Demokrat*, and the *Black Rock Gazette*. To those who so generously have co-operated with this Society in the

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Another collection in our possession deserves mention. The Society has a complete set of the directories of Buffalo. The first directory of Buffalo was issued in 1828, from the press of Day, Follett & Haskins. It was published by L. P. Cray and is a modest little pocket edition of 60 pages. It is named on its title page as: "A Directory for the Village of Buffalo, Containing the Names and Residences of the Heads of Families and Householders in said Village on the first of January, 1828, to which is added a sketch of the History of the Village, from 1801 to 1828." The names of the colored persons are placed by themselves on the last page, without giving any residence. The directories are very often consulted, and have proved a valuable source of information on various topics. We have added several volumes during the year.

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Among the portraits which have been given us since we last reported may be mentioned those of Dr. Grosvenor W. Heacock and of Mr. Henry Childs, both the gift of Mrs. Henry Childs; of the Hon. Oliver Bugbee, the gift of Mr. C. B. Armstrong; of Dr. William Somerville, the gift of Mrs. Somerville; of Mr. John Thomas, the gift of Mrs. Jennie Hubbard Thomas; of Mr. Joseph Norman Tift, the gift of Mrs. Lily Lord Tift; of Mr. Henry Colton, the gift of Mrs. Thomas McKee, of Sandwich, Ont; of the Hon. Daniel McMillan; and of Dr. Charles W. Harvey, the gift of his son, Dr. Leon F. Harvey.

Dr. Greene has also given a framed steel engraving of himself, which has been placed among those of the men who in time past have both honored this Society and been honored by the Society, as its presiding officer. The addition of this last picture makes our collection of Presidents' pictures complete.

Hon. Wilson S. Bissell, ex-Postmaster-General, presented a large mounted photograph of President Cleveland and the members of the Cabinet. From other sources we have received framed pictures of Old and New Buffalo, and of representative citizens.

A picture of special interest is that of old Fort Porter,

given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Markens. The old fort was one of the historic spots of Buffalo, but was torn down to make room for the modern barracks and parade ground. While we all regret the loss of this one historic feature of our beautiful park system, we ought to be glad to have in the Society this fine representation of the old ruin. The painting was done in 1878 by Charles Gruener, the father of Mrs. Markens, and for years it hung at the head of the stairway in the old Gruener Hotel on East Huron Street.

President Langdon presented an oak-framed group picture of the "Bank Officers of Buffalo, 1895," and through the efforts of Hon. Henry W. Hill we have a companion picture of prominent members of the "Bench and Bar of Buffalo." In both groups we notice pictures of many of our officers and members.

Dr. Greene has also been very mindful of the interests of the Society, as he ever is, and to him we are indebted for the group photograph of the charter members of the Buffalo Society of Vermonters. The fact that the officers of the Society of Vermonters are among our own most active workers lends an added interest to this gift.

A framed picture showing the southeast corner of Main and Genesee Streets as it was in the early days of the '60's, when the corner was the property and business place of Mr. Henry Colton, was given by a daughter of Mr. Colton, Mrs. Thomas McKee, of Sandwich, Ont.

Gen. Adrian R. Root added three pictures to his splendid collection of war relics and pictures. They are

"The Death of President Lincoln," "The Death Warrant of Major André," and a large photograph of the parade of the 7th Regiment, National Guard, of New York City, in Buffalo, July 4, 1884, on the occasion of the dedication of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. These pictures are numbered and Gen. Root has promised a printed catalogue of his collection.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Among the donations of the year are so many of great interest to men of different minds that it is difficult to name any few of special distinction. Among the books have been some which by reason of age, value, or scarcity, we may safely select for special mention.

A large and almost unwieldy volume, bound after the style of the last century, but in a state of perfect preservation, is "The Whole Genuine and Complete Works of Flavius Josephus, the learned and authentic Jewish Historian and celebrated warrior. Illustrated with marginal references and notes, historical, biographical, classical, critical, geographical and explanatory." This volume, printed in New York City in 1792, was given by Mr. Horace L. Bliss.

Another curious old book was donated by Mr. Oliver J. Becker, of this city. It is a copy of the Bible in German, printed in Leipsic in the year 1701. The corners of the old leather covers are tipped with iron plates and the clasps are of iron.

"Museum Brittanicum, or a Display in Thirty-two Plates, in Antiquities and Natural Curiosities in that Noble and Magnificent Cabinet, the British Museum. After the Original Designs from Nature, by John and Andrew Van Rymdyk, Pictors," was received from Mr. James F. Trott, of Niagara Falls. The book is dedicated (by permission) to "His Royal Highness, George, Prince of Wales," whose coat of arms adorns the title page. The book was printed in Drury Lane, London, in 1791.

Mrs. Henry Childs gave to the Society a large collection of books, pamphlets and magazines. Among the books was "An Ecclesiastical History," by Geo. Horn, in the Latin text, printed in 1565. The book is an ex-libris, and is a valuable addition. Two other old copies were, "Salvation by Jesus Christ Alone," London, 1704; and "An Apology for the Liberties of the Churches in New England," Boston, 1738. During the same month Mr. George S. Hazard placed on our shelves a book printed in 1708, giving a history of discoveries. It is called "A New Collection of Voyages and Travel."

An old book to which attaches a considerable degree of local interest has come into our possession. It is an old atlas, containing 58 maps of the parts of the world, and was published in 1814 in Philadelphia. It was given by Miss Faritta Chapin, a sister of Roswell Chapin, Buffalo's first City Surveyor, to Mrs. D. Phelps, of Alleghany, N. Y., with the request that it later should be given to the Buffalo Historical Society. Miss Lucy

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A well preserved copy of the *Spectator*, printed in 1778, and containing eight volumes, is the gift of Miss Eleanor Graff, of Buffalo.

Specimens of the art of book-making of to-day may well be placed by the side of the volumes issued in the earlier centuries.

"The Memorial History of New York," in four large volumes, bound in full morocco, gives a complete and authentic history of that city in all its avenues of growth and prosperity from its earliest beginnings up to 1892. For this gift we are indebted to the New York History Company.

A set of five volumes on "The Old Merchants of New York," received from Mrs. Emily B. Alward, tells many a strange tale from the lives of the 400's bright and shining family lights. Another gift which time will make more and more valuable is the complete set of 24 volumes of the Proceedings of the New York Constitutional Convention of 1894, given by the Hon. Henry W. Hill.

During the past month one of our Councillors, Mr. Cyrus K. Remington, has made the Society the recipient of valuable records. They are in 15 volumes, and con-

stitute a full history of the famous old Company D, Buffalo City Guards.

To the magnificent collection of coins given by himself, Dr. James has added complete proof-sets of the U. S. Mint issues of 1894 and 1895. Mr. James Sweeney has also given a number of old Roman coins. A medal struck from a portion of the bell that hung in Old St. Louis Church before the disastrous fire in 1885, bears on its face a representation of the original church, and on the reverse, a picture of the bell, surrounded by the inscription: "St. Louis Church, Burnt March 25, 1885, Buffalo, N. Y." It is the gift of Mr. James Lawless.

LIBERIAN COLLECTION.

A very substantial addition to the relics and curiosities of the museum, and one full of interest to students, is what is known as our Liberian Collection. The Society received this collection of charms, instruments of war and of peace, cooking utensils, native dress, and handiwork, from Mr. Guy N. Collins, of Mertensia, N. Y., a nephew of Dr. James. Mr. Collins has returned to Liberia, and has promised us additions to this nucleus of what we hope may become a large collection.

A long-felt want has been supplied through the generosity of Messrs. Lockwood & Ough, who have presented for the use of the Society a new and improved Hammond Typewriter. This is one of the most useful gifts of the year, and one which will doubtless be as much

used by the Secretary and Librarians as any gift of recent years.

An acquisition which is as distinctly local as anything now in the possession of the Society, is the set of mathematical instruments or draughting tools used by Joseph Ellicott in mapping the western portion of the State, and including the town of Buffalo. The following letter accompanied the box of instruments :

"About one hundred years ago this box of mathematical instruments was presented by the Holland Land Company to Joseph Ellicott, when he was appointed to make surveys and maps of the vast landed estates in Western New York, which that Company acquired in the closing years of the last century. They were used for many years by Mr. Ellicott and those under him in the Batavia Land Office in making such maps and surveys, including the original maps and surveys of the (now) City of Buffalo. Upon his death they came to the possession of his favorite nephew, Joseph Ellicott, second; upon his death, to the possession of his widow, who gave them to their daughter Rachael, my mother, who gave them to me, the undersigned Frederick Ellicott Fowler, of the City of Buffalo, N. Y., and I now present them to the Buffalo Historical Society.

Dated at Buffalo, September 10, 1895.

(Signed.) FREDERICK ELLICOTT FOWLER.

Witness :

JAMES M. SMITH. (Signed.)

Another gift is so very unique and so entirely different from the other treasures of our collection, that it is deserving of special mention. From Mr. Edward H. Butler, proprietor of the Buffalo *Evening News*, we have but very recently received the large Parisian mechanical doll, which was donated by Miss Mamie Box to the Doll Show, held at Music Hall for the benefit of the Fitch Creche and the Buffalo Free Kindergarten Association. In presenting the doll, Mr. Butler said:

"I believe you will agree with me that we ought to commemorate pleasing incidents in our history and expressions of popular good-will as well as the more serious and tragic events which have tried the courage and manhood of our people, and the changes of scene which have marked the progress of our city's growth. In no experience of the past quarter century in Buffalo, has there been a more notable expression of the kindly and generous impulses of the whole public than in the beneficent work of thousands which resulted in the show at Music Hall, and the subsequent distribution of 12,000 dolls to the poor children of the city and the giving of over \$5,000 to the two noble charities named, to which the receipts were devoted.

Wishing the society all success, I am,

Heartily yours,

(Signed,)

EDWARD H. BUTLER.

This dainty figure of wax will become more and more

historical each year. Today it represents the prevailing fashions in dress and in demeanor. In after years it will be valuable as typical of the time as well as a memorial of the charity of a great city.

The course of free lectures given under the auspices of the Society during the winter was as follows:

January 28, Prof. Henry P. Emerson, "The Growth of the German Empire."

February 11, Prof. Horace Briggs, "Hawaii."

February 25, Mr. Frank H. Severance, "The Misadventures of Robert Marsh."

March 11, Rev. Henry Elliott Mott, "Savonarola."

March 25, Dr. Roswell Park, "History of Medicine and Surgery."

April 15, Rev. W. P. Odell, "The Rhine, Illustrated."

These lectures were well attended, exceedingly entertaining and instructive, giving the Society and Dr. J. C. Greene, Chairman of the committee, great encouragement for the courses of years to come.

In conclusion, we would remind you that the Society is prosperous, lusty, and full of health and vigor. Notwithstanding the appropriation of \$200 for the Library Fund, our financial condition is better than one year ago. When your Secretaries took up the work in January it was found that in many cases dues had remained unpaid for one, two, three, and even five years. This looked discouraging at first but a vigorous and systematic canvass, carried on throughout the year, has cleared off many

an old score and settled claims up to date. To Mr. William H. Grein, is due great credit for the able manner in which he has cared for the financial work of the Society, with so great an unpaid dues-list weighing upon the department at the beginning of the year.

We look forward to the work of this new year with confidence and determination to do our work well. Let us then, each and every one, take up the work and do battle for the days that are to come and for the men and women of the future, whose past we are building up today.

EDWARD D. STRICKLAND,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

George W. Townsend, Treasurer, in account with the Buffalo Historical Society:

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Received from late Treasurer.....	\$ 726.30
Dues.....	\$1,305 00
Books sold.....	1.00
Advertising in Annual Report.....	125.00
Care and Maintenance Lord Library.....	500.00
	<hr/> 1,931.00
Interest, Mortgages.....	1,482.74
Interest, Bank Accounts.....	491.94
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GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Received from late Treasurer	21.75
.....	21.75
.....	1.00
.....	125.00
.....	500.00
.....	1,031.00
.....	1,482.74
.....	401.94
.....	1,080.80
.....	24,631.92

Disbursements.

Salaries.....	\$1,738.76	
Care of Rooms.....	133 96	
Other Expenses.....	105.26	
		<u>1,977.98</u>
Postage and Stationery.....	79.85	
Printing Annual Report.....	180.70	
Gen. Ely S. Parker Memorial.....	12.00	
Joseph Ellicott's Mapping Instruments.....	50.00	
Buffalo Library, for Maintenance of Building.....	500.00	
Transferred to Library Fund.....	130.20	
Balance on hand.....	1,701.25	
		<u>\$4,631.98</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Balance on hand at Last Report.....\$33,969.78

Life Memberships:

Albert Ziegele.....	\$50.00
Mrs. Emily B. Alward.....	50.00
Mrs. George Howard Lewis.....	50.00
Miss M. Louise Wilkeson.....	50.00
Isadore Michael.....	50.00
Abraham J. Elias.....	50.00
Samuel H. Wilkeson.....	50.00
George Urban, Jr.....	50.00
Mrs. Jeannie G. Redfern.....	50.00

450.00

Invested in

\$34,419.78

Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$26,325.00
Cash in Western Savings Bank.....	3,000.00
“ “ Erie County Savings Bank.....	2,013.73
“ “ Buffalo Savings Bank.....	2,000.00
“ “ Empire State Savings Bank.....	1,081.05

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Disbursements

Salaries	\$1,738.76
Care of Rooms	155.96
Other Expenses	105.26
Postage and Stationery	1,077.98
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Bonds and Mortgages	\$20,000.00
Cash in Western Savings Bank	3,000.00
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" " Buffalo Savings Bank	1,000.00
" " Empire State Savings Bank	1,081.05
	<u>\$34,419.78</u>

BUILDING FUND.

Balance on hand at Last Report.....	\$ 5,250.00
Balance to make Bonds equal to par.....	\$210.42
Interest on Bonds.....	250.00
Interest on Bank Account.....	34.08
	<hr/>
	494.50

\$5,744.50

Invested in

Five Bonds of the Buffalo Crosstown Railway

Co., Nos. 19-23 at \$1,000.00 each ..\$5,000.00

Cash in Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank.. 744.50

\$5,744.50

RED JACKET MONUMENT FUND.

Balance on hand at Last Report.....	\$1,013.92
Interest to date.....	62.53

\$1,076.45

Cash in Manufacturers' & Traders' Bank.....\$1,076.45

LIBRARY FUND.

Receipts.

Appropriation from New York State.....	\$200.00
Balance of Appropriation from General Fund	130.20
Interest, bank account.....	9.41

\$ 339.61

Disbursements.

Index Cases and Cards for Catalogue..	\$ 8.69
Books and Periodicals.....	23.90
Balance in Empire State Savings Bank.....	267.02

\$ 339.61

PRESIDENT LANGDON'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

Once again we are brought together to look back upon the work of another year, to see what has been accomplished and what yet must be done. Thus do we carry out the spirit of the poet's words:

"Sum up at night what thou hast done by day;
And in the morning what thou hast to do."

In reviewing the year 1895, we, as a society, find much to encourage us and much upon which we may congratulate ourselves; we have made no great strides, but there has been carried on a steady work of a progressive character, that has done much towards maintaining our claim to first rank in the esteem and regard of our people.

THE SOCIETY AND THE STATE.

I would respectfully call your attention to the important action of your Board in registering the library of the Society with the State University. By this act we have been enabled to secure from the State the sum of \$200, upon appropriating a like sum from our own treasury, thereby increasing our already very valuable library and further widening its range of usefulness; we are also thus provided with a fund for the publication, in the near future, of another volume of the manuscripts and papers of the Society. We hope that we shall soon be able to avail ourselves of further aid from the State. In con-

PRESIDENT LANGDON'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

Once again we are brought together to look back upon the work of another year, to see what has been accomplished and what yet must be done. Thus do we carry out the spirit of the poet's words:

"Sum up at night what thou hast done by day,
And in the morning what thou hast to do."

In reviewing the year 1892, we, as a society, find much to encourage us and much upon which we may congratulate ourselves; we have made no great strides, but there has been carried on a steady work of a progressive character, that has done much towards maintaining our claim to first rank in the esteem and regard of our people.

THE SOCIETY AND THE STATE.

I would respectfully call your attention to the important action of your Board in registering the library of the Society with the State University. By this act we have been enabled to secure from the State the sum of \$200, upon appropriating a like sum from our own treasury, thereby increasing our already very valuable library and further widening its range of usefulness; we are also thus provided with a fund for the publication in the near future of another volume of the manuscripts and papers of the Society. We hope that we shall soon be able to avail ourselves of further aid from the State. In con-

nection with our library, we beg to remind our members and our friends that contributions of books, maps and pamphlets, and, for our museum, curios and relics of every sort are always gladly received, and will be promptly acknowledged. Do not despise the day of little things, nor the little things themselves. Articles such as I have just named, considered by the owners as merely rubbish, are often of great historic value and interest to the Society, so we urge those of you who are so fortunate as to own old garrets, to rummage around and to see if you cannot find mementoes of the past which you will be glad and willing to donate to the Society to perpetuate fast fleeting memories. It is the invariable rule of this Society, that books and relics, once placed in our custody cannot be removed for any purpose whatsoever; thus we assure to donors the certainty that under no circumstance will their gifts be lost or diverted from the purpose of the donor. While your attention is still directed toward our library, I desire to speak of the small number of libraries in Buffalo and in the State at large. Massachusetts has 212 free libraries,—more than those of New Hampshire, New York, Illinois, Rhode Island and Indiana combined, with a total of 2,760,000 volumes, being more than one volume for every man, woman and child in the Old Bay State. New York stands sixth in the list, even “Little Rhody” outranking the great Empire State; a very poor showing indeed for this, the foremost State in the Union. Shall we not then be up and doing for the share of the library work committed to our care?

VITAL STATISTICS.

Another feature of the work carried on by this Society is far too little known by the people, and, I fear, too little appreciated by the very ones to whom it naturally would be of greatest service. How many of the honored members of the legal fraternity know that in the library of the Buffalo Historical Society may be found a carefully arranged record of marriages and deaths? From the very first decade of the nineteenth century up to the time of the establishment of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, every published record of death or of marriage in this city was entered in volumes prepared for that special purpose. Here, then, may be found records for which one might search elsewhere in vain. A well-known lawyer, who has represented the interests of the people in many public offices, came to our rooms after he had long sought certain information elsewhere without success. In a very few minutes he was in possession of the one fact which he needed to complete a title. Before he left these rooms on his way down the six flights of stairs, our Secretary had secured his application for membership. "Every lawyer in Buffalo ought to know of the existence of these valuable records and ought to support such work by a substantial membership fee," were his words of appreciation.

MEMORIAL TABLETS.

Our Society should be more active in the matter of placing appropriate memorial tablets. This building

ought to have a fine bronze plate in the lower vestibule to show that here stood our first Court House ; the Erie County Savings Bank ought to be marked as the site of the old First Church, around which cluster so many sacred memories ; Ellicott Square building might well give even the wayfarer an opportunity to read of the old Holland Land Company. The years ought no longer to pass on while the three hundred brave soldiers of General Smyth's regulars who died in camp while in defence of Buffalo in 1812, have no more durable mark of remembrance than the willows that wave in sadness over their graves in the Park Meadow. Those trees were planted by the loving hand of Dr. Chapin ; the patriotic hand of Buffalo ought to commemorate their lives and their death in enduring granite or bronze. Monuments should be set up at historic points, showing where the struggles for Independence were made at such great cost of human life and treasure in the war of 1812. Statues should be erected—the *Express* recently asked, to whom ? Alas, that no citizen of Buffalo has ever yet by practical work of patriotism or philanthropy attained pre-eminent place ! Answers were published by the column in the *Express*, but it was making bricks without straw ; our rich men have done little to promote good works of education, art, music or history. Let us hope that some day a Rockafeller, a Carnegie, or a Low will be born to us. Who knows but that the "Father of the Greenback" will some day shower upon us bountifully of his greenback children and endow a grand memorial

building that will perpetuate his memory to untold generations?

La Salle built the Griffon to pilot our floating palaces and our transports to the West to return laden with food for the nation as well as for the nations over the seas; our shipping interests ought to commemorate his memory. No channel could be more appropriate for this purpose than the Buffalo Historical Society, and no spot more natural and fitting than the Front with its arm extended toward the setting sun.

General Brown, General Winfield Scott and other heroes of 1812, who so nobly defended our borders in the great conflict for Independence have only the rusty old cannon in Lafayette Park to perpetuate the memory of their heroic deeds. Our children have little patriotism "bred in the bone" in these modern times. The Sons of the American Revolution have taken a wise step in this direction during the past year by presenting to each public school in the city a portrait of George Washington, and the State by flinging "Old Glory" to the breeze from over every school house.

Jesse Hawley suggested, DeWitt Clinton promoted and built our great water-way of commerce, then the longest and largest, save one, on earth. It was enlarged in the natal year of this Society, and when the \$9,000,000 just sanctioned by the people is judiciously expended, its capacity will be ten-fold the original and the Erie Canal will be the greatest waterway of commerce ever built by man. Clinton was a son of General James Clinton who

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served with great valor and distinction in the Revolution. He was the founder of the New York Historical Society and of the New York Academy of Fine Art and was the first President of the Literary and Philosophical Society of New York. He was foremost among statesmen in his liberal patronage of all institutions of learning, art, music and history. He favored wise use of public monies, advocating prodigality in the use of the same in advancing such institutions, and in Internal improvements. He was nominated, and received 89 electoral votes for President of the United States in 1812. He persistently advocated the cause of the Erie Canal in the face of the most determined opposition on the part of a powerful party of "bucktails"; results have demonstrated how wise was his foresight. His greatest dreams were more than realized when the Canal was enlarged in 1862, and now we are about to add still more emphatic testimony to his wonderful sagacity. The Erie Canal has no equal and no instrument of prosperity to Buffalo has ever approached it. Today it is our greatest protection against the railroad monopolies. Surely Buffalo ought to honor DeWitt Clinton. You need no reminder, perhaps, of recent events but I venture to put on record that to no one man is due greater credit for the success of the Canal Amendment, for indefatigable labor, for turning defeat into victory in the Constitutional Convention of 1894, than to the man to whom a few days ago you gave your silent approval by a great majority, thus honoring both him and yourselves in

sending him to the New York State Assembly with confident assurance that in him you will always have an honest, faithful man to represent your interests—such a man is our esteemed Recording Secretary, the Hon. Henry W. Hill.

Joseph Ellicott, whose brother, Andrew Ellicott, planned Washington the Beautiful, the City of Magnificent Distances, is deserving of the monument, unequalled in grandeur and magnificence, now being erected, for adopting for our city a similar plan, even if it does trouble those who wish to cross "the horn" by trolley. But I repeat, no citizen of Buffalo has yet established his claim for pre-eminence. I fear that if the *Express* really decides to build the statue at once, it will have to remain for a long time with unchiseled features and be called Anonymous.

Chicago, Hartford, Pittsburg, Boston, Philadelphia, Batavia, Utica, Scranton,—multitudes of cities ranking far below Buffalo, which now claims eighth place in this great Republic, have their memorial and historical monuments, statues, tablets, or other substantial evidence of appreciation and grateful recognition of the great debt which the people of today and of the future owe and will ever owe to the indomitable energy and intense loyalty of those who have gone before.

THE SOCIETY'S GREAT NEED.

Here the suggestion of educational and art buildings falls with appalling discouragement to the suggestor.

Judge Smith has made a noble beginning and we await anxiously for others to emulate his good example. In many ways Buffalo is as provincial today as when the "moral society of Buffalo" in 1811 resolved "that after the 23rd of November inst, the laws of the State prohibiting violations of the Sabbath shall be strictly enforced against all persons who, on that day, shall drive into the village loaded teams, or who shall unload goods, wares and merchandise, or who shall vend goods or keep open stores or shops for the purpose of trading or laboring, or who shall engage in hunting, fishing, etc., also against all parties of pleasure, riding or walking to Black Rock or elsewhere.

Resolved: That the above resolutions be published two weeks in the *Gazette*, published in this village, that strangers, as well as villagers, may be informed of the same and govern themselves accordingly. A. Callender, Secretary."

Today we walk or ride where we will, whether it be Sunday or Monday, and yet in the onward march of time we have still left many things undone. The Buffalo Historical Society is still without a home of its own; true, we are very comfortably located in this beautiful home of literature and art, but even this is not our "own dear home." Already we are beginning to realize that greater things are in store for us and we would be in readiness for the reception and proper care of the mementoes of ages that are to be committed to our care. If there is in any institution of human hand an element

of perpetuity, that institution is the one which cherishes the memory of what past generations have said and done, for good or for ill. Local history brings us to the very homes and hearth-stones of our own people and awakens in us that sympathy which makes all men brothers, the first ray of the dawning of humanity. Where is the man whose heart is overflowing with patriotic love of home and home-ties, to whom the story of this our home-town is not dear? Who of us would not be remembered in the days to come, and live forever in the hearts of future generations, when he shall have been gathered to his rest, and be numbered among the silent host, the great majority? In the home of the Buffalo Historical Society, the gift of his heart, shall he find enduring fame, perpetual memory, among the many memories of the past days that shall be associated within such walls.

LEGISLATION.

Since our meeting of a year ago an Act for the relief of the Society was prepared to legalize the transactions of former years, regarding the legality of which there is a technical question. This bill was passed by the Assembly but did not come to issue in the Senate. We have lately prepared and filed a new Certificate of Incorporation in accordance with the requirements of the revised statutes, and an Act will speedily be introduced into the Legislature and pushed to issue; this we are confident will afford us permanent relief. One

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important provision of the new Certificate is that relating to the Board of Councillors, which shall consist of twenty members, divided into four classes, holding office for one, two, three and four years, and for the election of five members at each succeeding election, to serve for four years. The officers shall be chosen by the Councillors from among their own number. The President shall be, ex-officio, a member of all standing committees. [See Appendix, A.]

THE SOCIETY'S FINANCES.

In closing I beg to call the especial attention of the members to the Treasurer's report. While we have not been favored with any large bequest or other donation, we show a steady and very satisfactory gain, greatly due to the careful management of the past year. The detailed statement presented shows clearly how the resources of the Society are held or invested, with gains as follows :

In the General Fund.....	\$1,121.95
Red Jacket Fund.....	41.78
Permanent Fund.....	400.00
Building Fund.....	284.08
Library Fund.....	267.02
A Total of.....	\$2,114.83

This must be gratifying to all, especially when I add that, notwithstanding the appropriation for the library fund and our necessarily increased expenses, our income has again exceeded our expenditures. Your Society owes no man a dollar.

I am glad to report that our delinquent list is smaller than it was a year ago, although still far too large, embracing as it does bankers, merchants, professional men and a few women, who stand high in circles of business and society. Our membership dues of \$5 per year are not onerous and I urge upon all prompt payment of this slight testimonial of the esteem in which you hold this Society. I urge upon any who can, to become Life members at a cost of \$50, which is much below the usual cost in institutions of this character. In so doing you each contribute to an endowment fund for this Society in perpetuity, all monies from such memberships going into the Permanent Fund. Only the income from it can be used for expenses under any circumstances. The law is very strict, and makes it a misdemeanor to use this fund in any other way. The money must be invested in first mortgages on real estate worth at least double the amount of the loan. As most of our mortgages bear 6 per cent. interest each Life member contributes \$3 per year for all time.

To the Board of Councillors, always wise in advice, always watchful of the Society's interests, careful in investments, ready to co-operate in any effort to extend the work and usefulness of the Society, prudent in expenditures, and always lenient toward your President, are due and accorded my grateful thanks. The year of my association with them will ever be looked upon with pleasant memories.

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fields open to our successors. We bid them all speed and success in every effort to make the Buffalo Historical Society, as it should ever be, an institution that every citizen of Buffalo shall point to with pride and pleasure.

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D. J. Stickney,	Died, Mar. 6
Hon. Charles Beckwith,	Died, Mar. 9
Daniel McMillan,	Died, Mar. 12
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

- Adams, William W., Union Springs, N. Y.: 3 Indian relics.
Alward, Mrs. Emily B., Buffalo: 5 volumes.
American Association for the Advancement of Science, Brooklyn, N. Y.: 1 volume.
Appleton, W. S., Boston, Mass.: 1 volume, 5 pamphlets.
Armstrong, C. B., Buffalo: 1 oil portrait framed.
Baker, Howard H., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Balch, Edwin S., Philadelphia: 1 volume.
Bangor Historical Society, Bangor, Me.: 1 paper.
Barnum, S. O., Buffalo: 3 pieces store scrip issued by him in 1862.
Beauchamp, W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y.: 1 paper.
Beebe, M. E., & Son, Buffalo: 1 volume.
Bell Telephone Co., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
Benjamin, W. E., New York: 1 pamphlet.
Bissell, Hon. Wilson S., Buffalo: 1 volume, 1 group photograph.
Bliss, Horace L., Buffalo: 1 volume.
Board of Mediation and Arbitration, Albany: 1 volume.
Boyle, David, Toronto, Ont.: 1 pamphlet.
Briggs, Prof. Horace, Buffalo: 1 scrap book.
Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
Boston Record Commissioners, Boston, Mass.: 3 volumes.
Buffalo Board of Health: Monthly Bulletins.
Buffalo College of Pharmacy: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo General Hospital: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo High School: *The Calendar* for 1895.
Buffalo Merchants' Exchange: 4 volumes, 3 pamphlets.
Buffalo Park Commissioners: 1 pamphlet.
Buffalo State Hospital: 1 pamphlet.

- Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.: 4 volumes.
 Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.: 3 volumes.
 Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
 Burton, C. M., Detroit, Mich.: 1 pamphlet.
 Butler, E. H., Buffalo: *Evening News*, 1895.
 Charity Organization Society, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Childs, Mrs. Henry, Buffalo: 14 volumes, 4 pamphlets, miscellaneous periodicals,
 2 framed portraits.
 Cilley, J. P., Rockland, Me.: 5 periodicals.
 Cincinnati Society of Natural History, Cincinnati, O.: 2 periodicals.
 Civil Service Commissioners, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume.
 Clark, William H., Buffalo: an old parchment deed.
 Colby University, Waterville, Me.: 3 pamphlets.
 Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Colonial Dames of the State of New York, 1 pamphlet.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn.: 2 volumes.
 Conover, George S., Geneva, N. Y.: 1 clipping.
 Cooley, Hon. Thos. M., Ann Arbor, Mich.: 1 volume.
 Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 1 volume, 22 pamphlets.
 Courier Company, Buffalo: Buffalo *Courier* for 1895.
 Cowan, Ezra, Albion, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Cowan, Pearl, Albion, N. Y.: 4 volumes, 1 pamphlet.
 Curtiss, Edwin, Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Dawes, E. C., Estate of, Cincinnati, O.: 1 pamphlet.
 Dedham Historical Society, Dedham, Mass.: 1 volume.
 Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.: 2 pamphlets.
 Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.: 9 volumes.
 Department of State, Washington, D. C.: 10 pamphlets.
 Depew, Hon. Chauncey M., New York: 1 pamphlet.
 Dodge, Miss, Williamsville, N. Y.: 1 photograph.
 Dormer, James H., Buffalo, 2 pamphlets.
 Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.: 1 pamphlet.
 Editors of *Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal*, Buffalo: the Journal for 1895.
 Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute, St. Thomas, Ont.: 1 volume.
 Emerson, Hon. Henry P., Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.: 3 pamphlets.
 Fairfield County Historical Society, Bridgeport, Conn.: 1 volume.
 Francis, Guilford W., Buffalo: A brick from the old First Church of Buffalo.
 Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.

- Gavin, Joseph E., Buffalo : 1 volume.
- German Association of the City of New York : 1 pamphlet.
- Glowacki, Hon. Henry I., Batavia, N. Y.: 1 volume.
- Graff, Miss Eleanor, Buffalo : 1 volume.
- Greene, Hon. Samuel A., Boston, Mass.: 21 volumes, 59 pamphlets, 6 papers.
- Grein, William H., Buffalo : 1 pamphlet.
- Griffin, Martin I. J., Philadelphia, Pa.: Files of *American Historical Catholic Researches* and *Griffin's Journal* for 1895.
- Griffin, Martin I., Ottawa, Canada : 1 pamphlet.
- Griswold, S. B., Albany, N. Y.: 1 volume.
- Haight, R. J., Chicago, Ill.: 2 periodicals.
- Hannan, Edward, Albany, N. Y.: 5 volumes.
- Harper, Francis P., New York : 1 pamphlet.
- Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.: *The Seminary Record* for 1895, 1 pamphlet.
- Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.: 1 volume.
- Harvey, Dr. Leon F., Buffalo : 1 framed photo portrait.
- Haskins, Mrs. Eliza S., Buffalo : 1 volume.
- Hayden, Rev. Horace E., Wilkesbarre, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
- Hazard, George S., Buffalo : 1 volume.
- Henderson, John J., Buffalo : 1 volume.
- Herwitz, H., Buffalo : 1 copper coin.
- Hill, Hon. Henry W., Buffalo : 15 volumes.
- Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati, O.: 2 pamphlets.
- Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Ill.: 1 volume.
- Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa.: 5 pamphlets.
- Iowa State Historical Society, Iowa City, Ia.: *The Iowa Historical Record* for 1895, 4 pamphlets.
- Jacobson, William, Buffalo : 1 volume.
- James, Dr. F. H., Lancaster, N. Y.: Full set of Mint Proof Coins for 1894 and 1895.
- Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.: 1 pamphlet.
- Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.: 1 pamphlet.
- Kasson, Frank H., Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
- Killebrew, J. B., Nashville, Tenn.: 1 pamphlet.
- King, Hon. Horatio, Washington, D. C.: 3 pamphlets.
- Knight, Erastus C., Buffalo : 1 volume.
- Lancaster Intelligence, Lancaster, Pa.: Centennial number, March 9, 1895.
- Lancaster Town Library, Lancaster, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
- Langdon, Andrew, Buffalo : 1 volume, 1 autograph letter, a lot of old accounts current and bills of exchange.

- Latch, Edward P., Philadelphia, Pa.: 2 pamphlets.
- Lawless, James J., Buffalo: Medal struck from the metal of the bell of old St. Louis Church.
- Lenox Library, New York: 1 pamphlet.
- Letchworth, Hon. William P.: 1 volume.
- Livingston County Historical Society: 1 pamphlet.
- Longwood, Rev. Bradley, 1 paper.
- Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, Cal.: 1 pamphlet.
- Low, Lyman Haynes: 1 pamphlet.
- McClintock, Emory, LL. D., New York: 1 pamphlet.
- McKee, Mrs. Thomas, Sandwich, Ont.: 1 framed portrait, 1 photograph.
- McMillan, Hon. D. H., Buffalo: 1 portrait.
- Macmillan & Co., New York: Book Reviews for 1895.
- Maine Association, Rockland, Me.: 1 pamphlet.
- Maltby, William C., Buffalo: old postage stamps.
- Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.: 2 volumes.
- Matthews, George & Co., Buffalo: Year Book and 2 bound volumes *Buffalo Express*.
- Mercantile Library, New York: 1 pamphlet.
- Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass.: *Kindergarten News*, 1895.
- Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences: 1 pamphlet.
- Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.: 4 pamphlets.
- Minnesota Weather and Crop Review*, Minneapolis Review, 1895.
- Mortimer, Harry, Buffalo: Confederate \$1 bill.
- Murray, William, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
- Nantucket Historical Association, Nantucket, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
- National Divorce Reform League, Boston, Mass.: 3 pamphlets.
- National Flag Committee: 1 pamphlet.
- Nebraska Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebraska: 2 pamphlets.
- New Bedford Free Public Library, New Bedford, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
- Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
- New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.: *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 1895.
- New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, N. H.: 1 pamphlet.
- New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York: 1 volume.
- New York History Co., New York: 4 volumes.
- New York Historical Society, New York: 1 volume, 2 pamphlets.
- New York State Library: 1 volume, three pamphlets.
- North, Charles J., Buffalo: 5 volumes, 2 pamphlets, 1 map.
- Nova Scotia Historical Society, Halifax, N. S.: 2 volumes.
- Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass.: 1 volume.

- Oneida Historical Society, Utica, 3 N. Y. : papers.
- Onondaga Historical Society, Syracuse, N. Y. : 2 pamphlets.
- Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. : file of *The Open Court* for 1895.
- Overland Monthly Publishing Co., San Francisco, Cal. : 1 periodical.
- Palmer, John, Secretary of State, Albany, N. Y. : 40 volumes.
- Peck, George G., New York : 1 volume.
- Pennsylvania State Library, W. H. Egle, Librarian, Harrisburg, Pa. : 25 volumes, 1 pamphlet.
- Peyton, John Y., Staunton, Va. : 1 volume.
- Phelps, D., Allegany, N. Y. : 1 volume.
- Porter, Hon. Peter A., Niagara Falls, N. Y. : 1 pamphlet.
- Porter, Cyrus K., Buffalo, N. Y. : 1 pamphlet.
- Portland Library Association, Portland, Ore. : 3 pamphlets.
- Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa. : 1 pamphlet.
- Rankin, Rev. J. E., D. D., Washington, D. C. : 3 pamphlets, 2 fac-simile letters.
- Reed, H., Ottawa, Ont. : 1 volume.
- Remington, Cyrus K., Buffalo : 15 volumes records.
- Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y. : 1 pamphlet.
- Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I. : 3 pamphlets.
- Roberts, James A., Comptroller, Albany, N. Y. : 27 volumes.
- Rochester Academy of Science, Rochester, N. Y. : 1 pamphlet.
- Rogers, Hon. Sherman S., Buffalo : 1 volume.
- Ross, John, Buffalo : 1 copper war token.
- Royal Academy of History and Antiquities, Stockholm, Sweden : 9 pamphlets.
- Royal Society of Canada : 1 volume.
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APPENDIX.

NOTE 1.—THE LEGALIZING ACT OF 1896.

“CHAPTER 9: An Act for the relief of the Buffalo Historical Society.”

BECAME a law January 30, 1896, with the approval of the Governor.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Section 1. The election in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and in each year subsequent thereto, by the Buffalo Historical Society, of fifteen councilors as members of its board of managers, is hereby ratified and made lawful and valid ; and the said society shall choose at its annual election on the second Tuesday in January, eighteen-hundred and ninety-seven, twenty councilors, who shall constitute the board of managers of said society, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 2. At the first meeting of the board of managers after the annual election in the year eighteen-hundred and ninety-seven, they shall, by lot, designate five of their members who shall hold office one year, five who shall hold office for two years, five who shall hold office for three years, and five who shall hold office for four years, and such designation shall be certified in writing by the president and secretary of the society, and the certificate shall be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of said board. Thereafter five managers shall be elected each year at the annual election, who shall hold office for four years.

§ 3. The board of managers shall annually, at their first meeting after their election, choose from their number a president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary and corresponding secretary, who shall hold office until their successors are chosen, subject, however, to removal by the board. The board may also appoint such subordinate officers as they may deem necessary.

§ 4. All conveyances, transfers, gifts and grants of real or personal property heretofore made to said society, and all conveyances, transfers, gifts and grants of real or personal property heretofore made by said society, and all acts and things done or suffered by said society since the year eighteen-hundred and eighty-one, shall be valid and effectual as if the said society had, in and since the year eighteen-hundred and eighty-one, the legal right to elect fifteen councilors and members of its board of managers.

§ 5. Nothing in this act contained shall affect any legal proceeding or suit now pending, or any right of any party thereto.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of Secretary of State, } ss.

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN PALMER,

Secretary of State.

NOTE 2.—SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

The Peter Paul Book Company contemplates publishing, for the Buffalo Historical Society, a third volume of the Publications of the Society. The book, in its general design and make-up will be uniform with the two volumes now issued. The Society is in possession of many original manuscripts, of general and local interest, and the proposed volume will be made up of a selection from this material. It will be printed from clear type, on heavy super-calendered paper, making a volume of about 400 pages. The book will be finished in two styles of binding: Heavy paper covers, \$2.00; half morocco, \$3.50.

The Society appeals, not only to its members and friends, but to the public in general, to support the proposed publication by placing their orders with the publishers. Unless sufficient assurance of success is given in response to this prospectus, the book will not be issued.

NOTE 3.—FORMS OF BEQUEST.

To the Friends of the Buffalo Historical Society :

The following forms are suggested to any friend of the Society who may have in mind the generous thought of increasing its very limited endowment by gift or bequest :

No. 1. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the City of Buffalo, New York, the sum of
dollars towards the Building Fund of the Society.

No. 2. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the City of Buffalo, New York, the sum of
dollars, which sum I desire that the said Society shall preserve by proper investment as a perpetual fund, to be known as The.....Fund, the yearly income thereof, and no more, to be expended annually in the publication of its papers, purchase of books, periodicals, prints, maps or other works, to increase or improve its library.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL BEQUEST.

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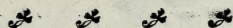
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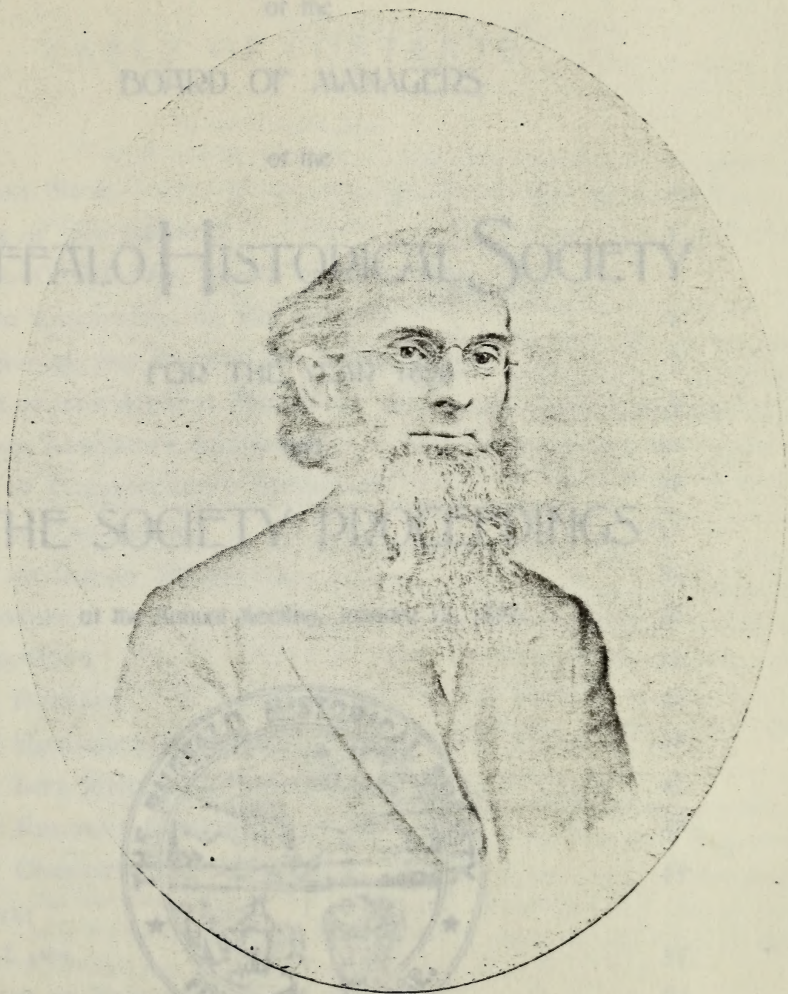
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BUFFALO :

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PREFATORY NOTE.

This pamphlet contains, besides the regular annual reports of the Society's officers for 1896, the revised By-Laws, which, in several important respects, put the Society on a new working basis.

The Annual Report for last year contained a conditional announcement of a volume of Publications (No. IV. in the series issued by the Society), which it was hoped might be issued during the year. That work was satisfactorily accomplished, as were several other special undertakings, which reflect credit on the Society. Allusion to these will be found in the reports of the President and Secretary, herein contained.

Last year's report contained portraits of the Hon. Millard Fillmore and Henry W. Rogers, the first and second Presidents of the Society. Portraits of the two next succeeding Presidents are given in this Report for 1896; the object of the Society being to publish, either in successive Annual Reports, or in some more prompt fashion, finely engraved likenesses of all the men who have served it as President.

Especial attention is invited to the newly created rank of Patron (see the By-Laws, No. 1), and to the Forms of Bequest to the Society (see Appendix). By these means, and in other ways, the Society hopes so to augment its Building Fund that a suitable home for itself, which shall be a credit to the City of Buffalo, will not be much longer delayed.

1897.

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*HON. NATHAN K. HALL,	1871
*WILLIAM H. GREENE,	1872
*ORLANDO ALLEN,	1873
*OLIVER G. STEELE,	1874
*HON. JAMES SHELDON,	1875 and 1886
WILLIAM C. BRYANT,	1876
*CAPT. E. P. DORR,	1877
HON. WILLIAM P. LETCHWORTH,	1878
WILLIAM H. H. NEWMAN,	1879 and 1885
HON. ELIAS S. HAWLEY,	1880
HON. JAMES M. SMITH,	1881
*WILLIAM HODGE,	1882
*WILLIAM DANA FOBES,	1883 and 1884
*EMMOR HAINES,	1887
JAMES TILLINGHAST,	1888
*WILLIAM K. ALLEN,	1889
JOSEPH C. GREENE, M. D.,	1891
GEORGE S. HAZARD,	1890 and 1892
JULIUS H. DAWES,	1893
ANDREW LANGDON,	1894, '95, '96 and '97

* Deceased.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Report

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held in the assembly-room of the Society in the Buffalo Library building, on Tuesday evening, January 12, 1897. In the absence of President Langdon, the vice-president, George Alfred Stringer, called the meeting to order, and the secretary read the minutes of the thirty-fourth annual meeting, January 14, 1896. The minutes were approved.

The corresponding Secretary, Edward D. Strickland, presented the report of the Board of Managers. On motion of Mr. Severance the report was adopted. The treasurer's report was read by the secretary. On motion of Mr. Richmond, it was received and placed on file. The address of the president was read by Mr. Stringer. On motion of Dr. J. C. Greene, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Langdon for his able address.

Hon. Elias S. Hawley moved that 2,000 copies of the annual report of the Society be published, and that the reports of the corresponding secretary and the

treasurer, and the president's address be incorporated therein. Duly seconded and carried.

The By-Laws, in revised form, were read by Charles R. Wilson, in the absence of Hon. James M. Smith, chairman of the special committee on revision. Upon motion the proposed By-Laws were adopted as a whole.

Dr. Joseph C. Greene, chairman of the committee on nominations, named the following men for councillors:

Andrew Langdon, George Alfred Stringer, Hon. Henry W. Hill, George H. Lewis, George W. Townsend, Hon. James M. Smith, James Tillinghast, Dr. Fred'k H. James, Cyrus K. Remington, J. N. Larned, Henry A. Richmond, Charles J. North, George S. Hazard, Frank H. Severance, Dr. Joseph C. Greene, Dr. Albert H. Briggs, Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, James N. Adam, Edmund W. Granger, Hamilton Ward, Jr.

Upon instruction, the secretary cast the ballot for the Society, and the members named were declared duly elected.

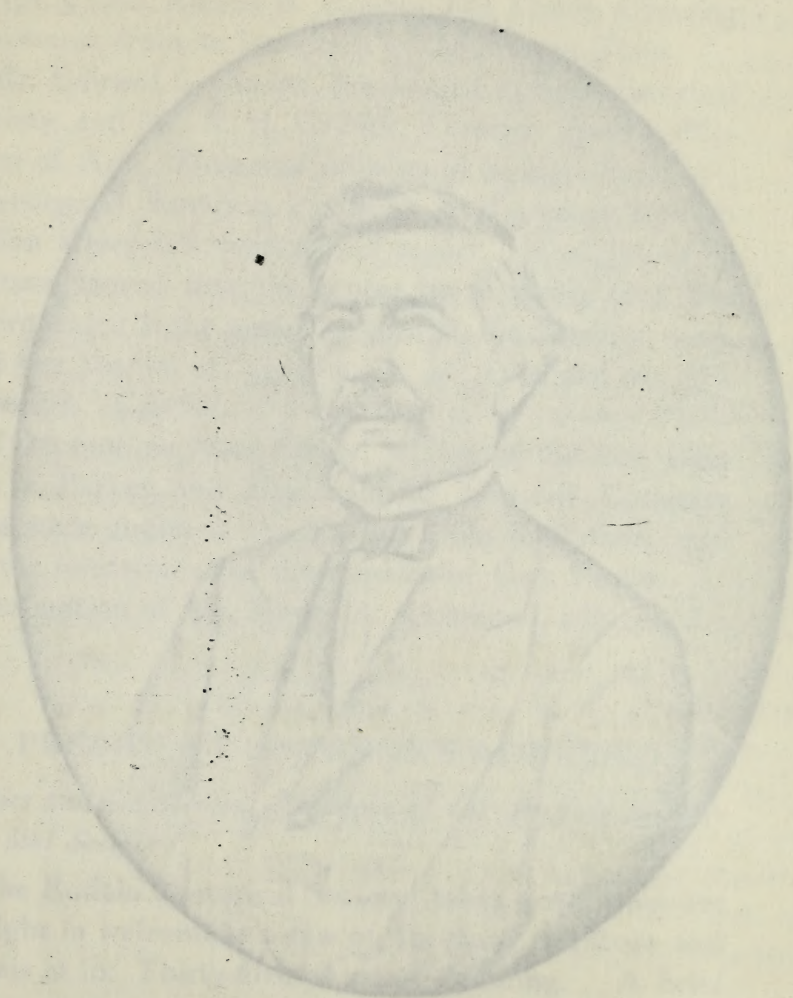
The chairman of the committee on club meetings, Dr. J. C. Greene, announced the following course of free lectures:

Feb. 1. Mr. Frank H. Severance: What Befell Davy Ogden; an Episode in the History of Fort Niagara.

Feb. 22. Mr. Ernest Cruikshank: The Loyalists of the State of New York.

Mar. 8. Rev. Thomas R. Slicer: A Study of the Immigration Problem.

Mar. 22. Bishop Charles H. Fowler: Scientific and Archæological Discoveries and the Bible.



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FOURTH PRESIDENT OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Apr. 5. Mr. Robert B. Adams. The Grade Crossing Movement from its inception to the Present Time.

Mr. Edward C. Mason, President of the Buffalo Historical Society, and Mr. A. H. Griffith, Director of the Museum of Art. There was no business to be announced.

George C. Emerson, of the Committee on Indian Memorials, read a report on the Putnam moved that the name of the Society be incorporated in the name of the Buffalo Historical Society, and that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. Emerson. Carried.

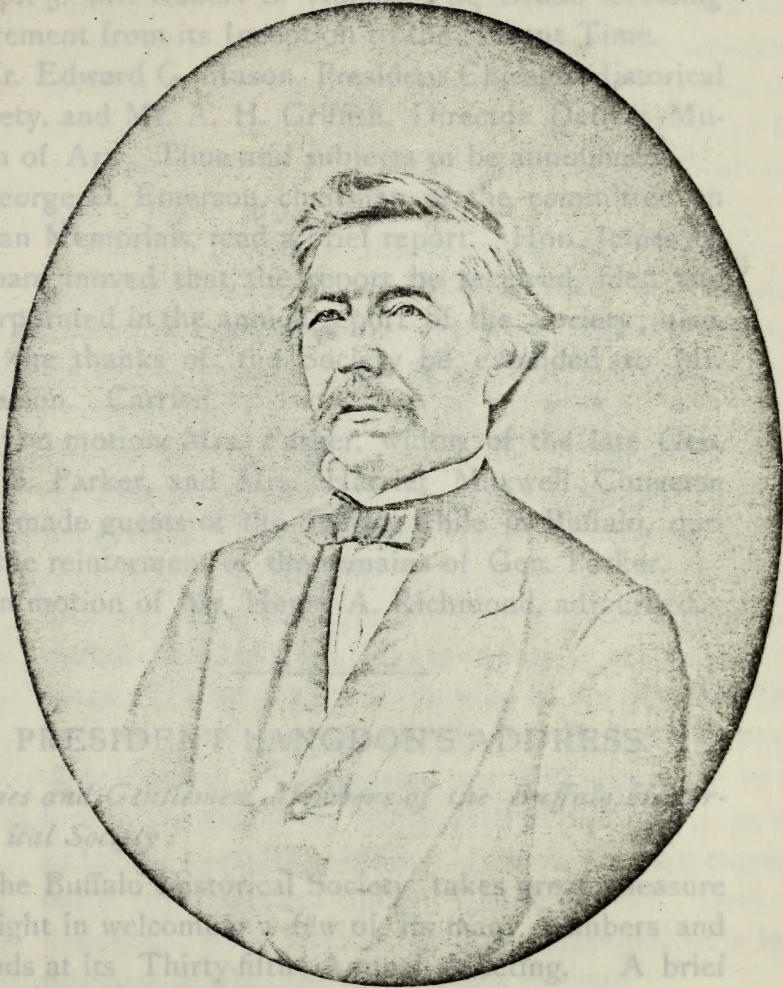
Upon motion of Mr. C. W. Johnson, the late Gen. Ely S. Parker, and Mrs. J. W. Cannon were made guests of the Society. During the reinforcement of the name of Gen. Parker. Organization of the Buffalo Historical Society.

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Upon motion, Mrs. Parker, widow of the late Gen. Ely S. Parker, and Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse were made guests of the Society while in Buffalo, during the reinterment of the remains of Gen. Parker.

On motion of Mr. Henry A. Richmond, adjourned.

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 ing the retirement of the remains of Gen. Parker.
 On motion of Mr. Henry A. Richmond, adjourned.

PRESIDENT LANGDON'S ADDRESS.

Members and Gentlemen, Members of the Buffalo Histor-
 ical Society:
 The Buffalo Historical Society takes great pleasure
 in welcoming a few of its many members and
 friends at its Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting. A brief
 review of the transactions of the year 1896, a few sug-
 gestions for the year 1897, will be all that I shall detain
 you for. The Secretary and the Treasurer have given
 the material facts, showing that prosperity has been
 ours notwithstanding the great depression that has

knocked at every door during the recent political agitations, attended as they have been throughout by anxiety on the part of all good citizens; happily the country is saved from the hands of those who would despoil it or tarnish the nation's escutcheon by the payment of less than one hundred good cents for every dollar of obligation, public or private.

We may look now for the tide that comes in the affairs of men and of societies as well; the Historical Society of Buffalo should grasp the moment and take the tide at its flood, pushing on to such prosperity as it has never known. The future of Buffalo as a city is assured beyond any peradventure. With the advent of the triumph of man over Niagara's wondrous power by the greater, more wondrous power of electricity, who can predict its future? Imaginative indeed is the dreamer whose fancy can conjure up the picture of what Buffalo the Greater will be in twenty or ten or even five years. If electricity shall develop in the next few years as it has in the last five, the result to Buffalo will be well nigh Utopian. Compressed air will also come to the fore in the matter of transportation and power as well as for the horseless vehicle. Indeed we may expect a battle royal between these Titanic powers. Both are limitless. What has already been accomplished is but a foretaste of what the future holds in store.

Buffalo has taken her proper place as the foremost city in the matter of good roadways, being to-day the leader of the world in asphalt pavements. If our roads are not monopolized by the everywhere present bicycle,

we may expect soon to see the heavy traffic of drays as well as carriages superseded by the automobiles, for which we have so admirably prepared the way.

Within ten years we shall see our City Park in the very heart of Greater Buffalo; in close proximity may we see the noble home of our Historical Society, a building that shall be in keeping with its beautiful surroundings and one that shall be the pride and pleasure of every citizen.

There are in Buffalo to-day Chapters of several Patriotic Societies, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution (may the day of union between these two societies, like in aims and purposes, be near at hand), the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Buffalo Society of Vermonters, and other like organizations; there is no question but that these societies are in their infancy. It is only a matter of time when one of the "Four Hundred" will no longer be able to maintain his present prestige unchallenged unless he be a member of one or more of these societies. People who knew nothing of their ancestors a few years ago now regard it as a great privilege to have their names written upon the rolls of the Patriotic societies. Many of our citizens have availed themselves of the library of the Buffalo Historical Society in tracing their lineage; we have many books of genealogy, town and family histories, and we are constantly making additions to the collection.

During the past year blank forms for the personal record of the ancestry of the members of the Society

and of their families have been very carefully prepared and have been sent to all. Many have already responded, and I would urge upon all others the desirability of doing so. These records are carefully indexed and filed away for the coming generations, and each year will add to their value. Had such records been kept during even the few years since the founding of our Society, they would, even now, be priceless. The record of the lives of those who have built and are now building our fair city should be carefully preserved and added to from year to year.

A celebrated French scholar, who recently visited this country for the purpose of studying our institutions and people, said, "When an American has nothing to do for a long half-day, he sits down and wonders who his grandfather was." If you do your duty in this matter, your grandchildren can learn all the facts in a half-hour research among the records preserved in the archives of the Buffalo Historical Society.

If we seek among the beginnings of the Republic for the cause of the apparent lack of hereditary pride, we may find many which imply neither forgetfulness nor disregard of the memory and worth of our fathers. Chief, perhaps, among them is the fact that the records of colonial New England throw so little light upon the lineage of her people that it is scarcely possible for one to trace his descent back through the earlier generations. Were it not for the records of the various towns, meagre and imperfect though they be, he who undertakes the task would learn often-times only by half-leg-

endary tradition of the existence of ancestors whose lives shed bright lustre on their family names. We may not hope to hand down to our posterity history of the heroic deeds of our fathers that in the Old World would have won the proudest titles that Royal favor could bestow, but such as we can, let us put on record for our children.

In our city there should be a common meeting-place for all such societies whose object is the encouragement of patriotism through the study of American history. It would surely be a very great thing if they could all be brought together under one roof, where there should be an ample hall available for all meetings, banquets and other gatherings of the members of these societies, and where the regular offices and society rooms might be located. The work of such societies would in no wise be out of harmony with the grand work now being carried forward by our own society, nor would it in the least detract from that work, but rather, so nearly are we all of kin, each would strengthen and support the other. I hope that the idea of such a union will be agitated until we behold its realization in a fire-proof building, bearing on its facade the two words HISTORY, PATRIOTISM.

Twice before I have called your attention to this matter, but I cannot refrain from speaking once more of the crowded condition of our present quarters. Donations are coming to us every day which we cannot suitably exhibit; you will note that there is scarcely room on the walls of this Historical Hall to place

another portrait. We have many relics that we cannot display as desired by our donors and by ourselves. Without doubt, we have to-day the finest and largest collection of coins, portraits, Indian curios, Egyptian antiquities and miscellaneous relics of any Historical Society west of New York. Few residents of Buffalo realize its magnitude, variety or value. In no other city would such a collection be allowed to remain in the third story of a building not its own, and reached only after a long, weary climbing of stairs. The day has come when Buffalo ought to put her mighty shoulder to the wheel and help along in this great work; we have been laggard for many years; it is not seemly that such a thing can be said of the city that so proudly holds her place as ninth in the great union of States.

In many cities of the country in recent years there have been erected memorial buildings by worthy public-spirited citizens; in others the municipal authorities have given a helping hand. Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Scranton, Batavia, Milwaukee, Evanston, Fairfield and others have been so favored; in almost every important city of the land there are great free libraries; Detroit supports her public library by the fines of the Police Court, which amount to \$37,000 per annum, thus by a sort of poetic justice educating the people by the crimes of evil doers. Chicago, by direct taxation, gives to her library \$124,000 per annum, and during the erection of her magnificent new building, which cost \$2,100,000. increased this tax to \$500,000 per year.

The Lincoln Park Commissioners gave to the Acad-

emy of Sciences \$25,000 toward the erection of their stately edifice. They heat and light the same and contribute \$5,000 toward its maintenance. The institution is open every day of the year, and, located as it is, in its beautiful surroundings, was visited last year by more than 370,000 people. The amount of good done by this one institution is beyond estimate. When will the City of Buffalo extend a helping hand to us that will enable us to realize our hopes and enable us to extend our work?

I urge upon you and upon my successor the importance of this work, and trust that there will be no lessening of effort until our fondest hopes are realized. In this connection I will call attention to a lease recently negotiated with the trustees of the Buffalo Library, in which it is provided that we may vacate these premises on six months' notice at any time when we may be able to secure more suitable accommodations.

We have been favored with many donations during the past year; I will mention only two; the gift of an autograph letter of George Washington from our esteemed fellow-member, Hon. James A. Roberts, is a most valuable addition. The two sumptuous volumes, "The Life and Exploits of Alexander the Great," and later, the splendid specimen of the book-maker's art, the Catalogue and Description of her own invaluable collection of Egyptian Antiquities, from Lady Meux of London, both of which are limited editions and printed for private distribution only, are of great value commercially, and to scholars they have a value that is not

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measured by the "coin of the realm." We are highly favored by the liberality of Lady Meux.

The work of increasing our library is too important to pass without special notice; the \$200 appropriated by the Society, supplemented by a like amount from the State, has been judiciously expended under the direction of your practical and experienced Library Committee.

A second appropriation has been made, and a second installment will soon be received from the State. Our library is being catalogued carefully and systematically according to the modern card system, whereby its usefulness will be much greater than in the past. If our funds are sufficient, this work will be continued until the entire library is embraced.

After a lapse of several years the work of editing and publishing the valuable manuscripts in the possession of the Society has been undertaken and successfully completed. Volume IV. of the Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society is a work of which every member may be proud; it is a fitting successor to the other volumes of the series and is a substantial contribution to the early history of our city; its true worth will be thoroughly appreciated only in the years to come. The Society is to be congratulated upon having as one of its Councillors the editor of this volume, to whom is due much of the success that has attended this work. He has spared no time or painstaking effort in searching for and verifying historical details, and to this work he has given many of his best hours in the faithful performance of the demands of his office. The members of the

Society and the reading public are under a lasting debt of gratitude to Mr. Severance.

The report of the treasurer shows that our finances are in excellent shape, and that notwithstanding our largely increased expenses, with a greater force of employees, we have been able to meet all extra charges, and to-day have on hand a larger balance than at any corresponding date in the history of the Society. This is encouraging, and gives promise of still greater progress in the future. Our delinquent list, notwithstanding the hard times, is smaller than ever before. Our funds are closely and carefully invested at a better rate of interest than at any prior date. Our Building Fund shows small but sure growth. We urge all members to make effort to induce others to join; the dues for resident membership are only \$5 a year, and for life membership \$100. All life membership dues are placed in the Permanent Fund, only the interest of which may be used for current expenses. Thus the \$100 becomes a perpetual endowment of \$6 a year. All interest received on the moneys in the Building Fund must be added to the principal, and may be used for no other purpose. Our funds are all legally invested and sacredly guarded. Our treasurer's report must be gratifying to all.

The Buffalo Historical Society, by the erection, in 1892, of the monumental statue to Red Jacket, took the initiative in raising lasting memorials to celebrate to posterity the lives of men of affairs, of action and of worth, whose names and history are chapters in the story

of our city's life. On May 9, 1894, the Liedertafel marked an epoch in the history of the city in letters of granite and bronze. In the erection of the beautiful monument to Mozart they took the second step in the beautifying of our parks and public grounds with suitable memorials to celebrated men. In the presentation to the Buffalo Library of a fine bust of Robert Burns, the Scottish Society of St. Andrew made most suitable beginning of still another chapter. Who will come next in line with statues of our own worthy citizens, Millard Fillmore, the Statesman, or David Gray, the Poet? Surely Buffalo, like many another city, has been highly favored as the birthplace and home of men whose lives have enriched the multitude; shall the cry go forth that we who have come after have not loved our brother in the place wherein he dwelt?

We should do more to promote interest in the history of Buffalo, Western New York and adjacent Canada. There are rich fields for study all about us; a course of public lectures, visits to historic sites, the erection of memorial tablets, may be made a most worthy and educational feature of our work. I hereby recommend suitable action in this line, and I am sure that it will result in benefit to our community. In our sister city of Detroit talks are given each Sunday by Director Griffith, and they are attended by all who are fortunate enough to secure seats or even standing room. On the Sunday, December 13th, the attendance was 1,608, and on the following Sunday, December 20th, was about 1,000. Mr. Griffith's talks are of wide scope, embracing art.

literature, history, ancient and modern. We hope in the near future to have him with us on one or more occasions. He has just passed the one hundredth Sunday, and with continual increase of interest manifested.

With this meeting we enter upon our new system of election provided for by the law of January, 1896. This law, which also legalizes all former acts of the Society, was passed largely through the efforts of our Secretary, Hon. Henry W. Hill, and to him our grateful thanks are due. You will, to-night, elect a Board of twenty councillors, five of whom are to serve for a term of one year, and other fives for two, three and four years, respectively. They, from their own number, will elect the usual officers. The Constitution and By-Laws have been carefully revised in every detail, and have been made to conform to the requirements of the new law. You will be asked to approve the By-Laws in their revised state as recommended by your Board of Managers.

Millard Fillmore, in his inaugural address as first President of this Society, delivered in American Hall on July 1, 1862, eloquently and appropriately summarized the proposed work and aims of our Society. We should follow in the lines he indicated: "Let this institution be the grand repository of everything calculated to throw light on our history; books, newspapers, letters, pamphlets, maps, medals and relics of every description should be deposited here; and let our citizens unite heart and hand in building up this Society, which,

while it does justice to the dead, reflects honor upon the living."

In closing my third term as President, I wish to extend to the Board of Councillors my earnest thanks. They have been most kind and considerate towards their presiding officer, and have never failed to give wise counsel in the affairs of the Society.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

Your Secretary's report for the Board of Managers is a review of material facts and figures, showing the results of the work carried on during the year 1896.

THE LIBRARY.

We are able to report satisfactory growth in every branch of the library. One year ago the report showed 8,823 volumes and 6,685 pamphlets upon our shelves. During 1896 our accessions included 298 volumes, and 694 pamphlets and periodicals. To-night we report 9,121 volumes and 7,379 pamphlets.

Many of these accessions are of the greatest interest to students and even to the reading public generally, but time and space forbid detailed or individual mention. Time spent among the alcoves of the library will

ever repay the effort. Special reference to some of the more valuable books is given in another portion of this report.

A mass of valuable material for history, which had been laid away unindexed, has been carefully sifted, and more than a hundred pamphlets have thus been placed among the cases of such publications.

Under the supervision of the Library Committee of this Society, of which Mr. Larned has been chairman, work upon a thorough and systematic card catalogue of the library has been carried forward steadily. This work is in the care of a graduate of the Library School at Albany, and is the first attempt at a regular catalogue, complete and readily accessible to all, since the earliest days of the Society in 1862. The value of this progressive step cannot be over-estimated; it is a positive evidence of new life.

GENEALOGY AND TOWN HISTORY.

The department most often consulted is that covering the field of genealogy; family, town, county and State records are in constant demand. Ever alive to the growth of public sentiment and interest, the Buffalo Historical Society has increased its collection of genealogical material, both by purchase and by donation. About 40 new books of family histories have been added; also many town and county histories, and several volumes of State papers.

THE NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The current issues of all the newspapers of Buffalo have been on file each day; for this privilege the Society is indebted to the publishers, to whom grateful recognition is hereby made in acknowledgment of their favor. Each year's files are bound and preserved with care; every year the demand for information contained in the papers is greater than before. The value of our collection has been proved many times in the year just ended; it is a veritable store-house of local history in every line.

A bound copy of Vol. I, of the *Buffalonian*, published in 1837-38, is a valuable gift from Mr. George Ferris. Several single issues of the second volume have been donated. The first issue of the *Philadelphia Ledger*, dated March 25, 1836, was given by Miss Auscombe, of Pittsford, N. Y.

PORTRAITS AND PICTURES.

Our wall space appears to be at a great premium, yet we have been able, by considerable rearranging, to find room for the hanging of several new portraits and pictures. In one corner of the rotunda pictures of old Buffalo are grouped; to this "Buffalo Corner" have been added pictures of the old Miller Block, on Main Street near Mohawk; and of the old Commercial Block, on the corner of Main and Ohio Streets, which gave way to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad tracks, the gift of George A. Stringer.

Mr. Barton Atkins has been very gracious in the enrichment of our fine collection of pictures and framed relics. One of the most interesting and valuable pictures in the possession of the Society is that of the Walk-in-the-Water, first steamboat upon Lake Erie, built in 1818, at Black Rock. It is from a pen and ink sketch by Judge Ebenezer Walden, made in 1819. An unique relic is a framed handbill, giving the proceedings of a meeting held at the "house of Samuel Atkins, by the particular request of E. Granger, Esq., on the 15th day of April, 1811, for the purpose of agreeing whether we will support Samuel Tupper, Esq., or Philo Orton, Esq., as member of Assembly at the next ensuing election." This bill also pledges support to Samuel Tupper for the Assembly, to DeWitt Clinton, as Lieutenant Governor, and Caspar M. Rouse, as Senator for the Western District. A third frame contains an interesting collection of relics: A bill of expense at the Eagle Tavern, containing a picture of the famous old hostelry, and dated 1835; a bill issued by Dr. Cyrenius Chapin to Erastus Granger, for medical attention, for emetics and pills administered to Red Jacket, Nov. 5, 1806, which is signed by Dr. Chapin and Ebenezer Walden; a receipt in full for amount of right of heirship, dated 1826; an advertisement of real estate, 4,000 ft. front, to be sold by Joseph W. Moulton, in 1822; a clipping relative to Behring Sea sealing seizures; etc. Another gift from Mr. Atkins is a colored plate of the front of Muir Glacier, Alaska. A picture not less appreciated is the likeness of Mr. Atkins. All these are framed in oak and gilt.

A curious old picture about which little is known is an allegorical representation of America, pictured as an Indian maiden. It was done in 1795, by James Green. The inscription is: "America, after her violent but successful and glorious struggle in y^e cause of freedom, appears supported by Industry and reclining on Liberty; before her the gifts of Plenty, and under her feet y^e emblems of Royalty reversed, with Fetters broken, emblems of Despotism destroyed. Religion prays for her Prosperity, while Liberality offers rewards to Genius, and Fame blazons forth her exploits to Posterity." It is the gift of Dr. Edwin R. Barnes.

Mr. George S. Hazard presented a colored plate of the Eiffel Tower, suitably framed.

The following portraits have been received: Of his Honor, the Mayor, Gen. Edgar B. Jewett, and of George Alfred St.onger, both personal gifts; of the late Cyrus P. Lee, taken from the marble bust in the Erie County Savings Bank, the gift of his daughter, Miss Lee; of Samuel Van Syckel, inventor of the pipe-line system, of his wife, Margaret Van Syckel, and of a son, donations from R. D. Van Syckel; of Warren and Lamira C. Lampman, the gift of their son, Charles W. Lampman.

OTHER DONATIONS.

It seems almost an injustice to mention individual gifts from among so many relics and curios to which attaches so much of historical interest. Several volumes of war records, histories of different regiments, afford interest and study as the work of Buffalonians and

others. Relics of the War of 1812 are many buttons worn by soldiers, the gift of Hon. David F. Day ; also three balls and several pieces of grape shot used in 1812, given by Wm. Forsyth, of Buffalo.

In harmony with relics of wars, and representing the great Revolution, is a curious little old book published in 1809, setting forth the causes that led to the death of Major André. It was written by Joshua Hett Smith, the man who conveyed André from the Vulture, at whose house André remained during the night, and whose clothes André wore when captured.

Attractive and generous additions to the Liberian collection have been made by Guy N. Collins, of Mer-tensia, N. Y., and Liberia, Africa. They consist of articles of native dress, of rings, bracelets, charms, instruments of war and peace.

A pair of deer's antlers found by E. Sterling Ely, and by him presented to this Society, are probably over 1,000 years old.

A valuable acquisition is the collection of 41 vignettes and proofs of the portraits of all the Presidents of the United States, of inaugural ball invitations and various memorials, received from Edwin Lamasure, of the Bureau of Engraving, Washington, D. C.

The Society has been the recipient of many souvenirs of interest ; those issued by W. H. Glenny & Co. have a peculiar interest. They are pieces of tile and glass tumblers, suitably inscribed and bearing pictures taken from Niagara Falls scenery ; they celebrate the bringing of the power to Buffalo on Nov. 19, 1896.

Among the many books, local history is represented by the history of Buffalo, issued by the Buffalo Times Co., and by the unusually attractive souvenir of the convention of the National Association of Builders.

Frontier history includes the sketch of Old Fort Niagara, by Hon. Peter A. Porter, of Niagara Falls; the British Evacuation of the United States, by Howard L. Osgood, of Rochester, and "Oswego" (a memorial address), by Geo. T. Clarke, called forth by the centennial celebrations at Forts Niagara and Ontario.

A small book of autographs, kept by Maris Bryant Pierce, a noted Seneca Chief, is the gift of Mrs. Pierce. The book contains the autographs of Presidents James K. Polk and Millard Fillmore, of Jefferson Davis, John A. Dix, and of many others of National reputation; it is a valuable accession, and was greatly desired by the Smithsonian Institution.

Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, of New York City, presented 7 books of value, printed in the Indian tongues. They are a Choctaw Arithmetic, 1835, Choctaw Religious Lectures, 1835, Ojibwa Hymn Book, 1836, Ojibwa Epistle of St. John, 1840, Mandan Roman Catholic Book of Devotions, Ottawa Roman Catholic Book of Devotions, 1832, and Mandan-Ottawa Epistles, 1846.

Another evidence of new life is the recent publication of Vol. IV. of Society Papers, edited by Mr. Severance. Vols. I. and II., now out of print, are held at a premium.

The Society has been favored by invitations from

many sources. In several instances we have been well represented, and have been accorded places of honor.

At the centennial celebration of the evacuation of Fort Ontario, held at Oswego in July, Dr. A. H. Briggs was our representative; at the 87th anniversary of the the Battle of Lundy's Lane, celebrated at Fort Erie, many representatives from the Board and from the Society were present. At Fort Niagara, on August 11th, the Society was honored by representation on the committees of arrangement, by the choice of Mr. Frank H. Severance as Historian, and by a large delegation. At the dedication of the new building of the Chicago Historical Society, our President, Andrew Langdon, ably represented this Society.

Many conventions met in Buffalo in 1896. Invitations, extending the courtesies of the Society, were sent to all, cards of welcome were distributed at the convention halls, and placed in hotels, depots and wherever they would attract public attention; the press has kindly aided in keeping the work of the Society before the people.

The course of free lectures given under the auspices of the Buffalo Historical Society in 1896 included the following:

January 27, Mr. Daniel E. Mahoney, "The Fenian Invasion of Canada."

February 10, Mr. George Alfred Stringer, "The Empire State; a Retrospect."

February 24, Mr. Ernest Cruikshank, "The Value of

the Canadian Archives in the Study of American History."

March 23, Very Rev. Wm. R. Harris, "The Flint Workers; A Forgotten People."

April 20, Col. C. O. Shepard, "Japan; Twenty Years Ago and To-day."

April 27, Hon. Henry W. Hill, "Development of Constitutional Law in the State of New York, and the Constitutional Convention of 1894."

The course was of great interest and profit; the lectures were well attended, and it is believed that, were our rooms more accessible, our courses would be among the most popular of the winter season.

Looking back over the work of the year, and seeing now the results, we believe that the Society has every good reason for congratulation; our work is well systematized, progressive and liberal. In every department is improvement, and a better condition exists to-day than ever before. The prospect for future development is bright, and by diligence and faithful labor we may soon bring in the better day, whose dawning is upon us.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

George W. Townsend, Treasurer, in account with the Buffalo Historical Society :

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand January 13, 1896.....	\$	1,701.25
Dues.....	\$	1,040.00
Advertising in Annual Report.....	65.00	
Care and Maintenance of Lord Library....	500.00	
		\$ 1,605.00
Interest on Mortgages	\$	1,254.62
Interest on Bank Accounts.....	340.03	
		\$ 1,594.65
		<u>\$ 4,900.90</u>

Disbursements.

Salaries.....	\$	1,667.83
Care of Rooms.....	96.56	
Catalogue Work in Library	164.98	
Sundry Expenses	277.80	
		\$ 2,207.17
Printing Annual Report.....	\$	165.00
Volume IV, Publications.....	284.50	
Buffalo Library, Maintenance of Building, Nov. 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897.....	250.00	
Other Printing	32.50	
Balance on hand.....	\$	1,961.73
		\$ 2,693.73
		<u>4,900.90</u>
Balance on hand	\$	1,961.73
Interest past due on Mortgage, \$8,400.00 ...	504.00	
Total	\$	<u>2,465.73</u>

PERMANENT FUND

Balance on hand, January 13, 1896.....	\$34,419.78
Life Memberships.....	\$ 150.00
Mortgage Account.....	2,250.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,400.00

\$36,819.78

Received, Ellicott Square Bank.....	\$ 2,013.73
Received, Empire State Savings Bank.....	236 27 \$ 2,250.00
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\$34,569.78

Invested in

Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$28,275.00
Cash in Ellicott Square Bank.....	5,000.00
Cash in Empire State Savings Bank...	1,294.78
	<hr/> \$34,569.78

BUILDING FUND.

Balance on hand January 13, 1896.....	\$ 5,744.59
Special Account (General Fund).....	\$ 260.00
Interest on Bonds.....	250.00
Interest on Bank Account.....	34.63
	<hr/> \$ 544.63

\$ 6,289.12

Invested in

Five Bonds of the Buffalo Crosstown Railway Co., Nos. 19-23 at \$1,000.00 each.....	\$ 5,000.00
Bonds and Mortgages.....	1,000.00
Cash in Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank.....	\$ 289.13
	<hr/> \$ 6,289.13

RED JACKET MONUMENT FUND.

Balance on hand January 13, 1896.....	\$ 1,076.45
Interest, City of Rochester 6% Note.....	66.00
Interest to date.....	22.78
	<u>\$ 1,165.23</u>

Invested in

City of Rochester 6% Note.....	\$ 1,100.00
Cash in Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank.....	65.23
	<u>\$ 1,165.23</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand January 13, 1896.....	\$ 267.02
Interest, Bank Account.....	6.71
	<u>\$ 273.73</u>

Disbursements.

Salary, Catalogue Work.....	\$ 124.99
Other Catalogue Expenses	41.56
Books and Periodicals	79.44
Balance in Empire State Savings Bank	27.74
	<u>\$ 273.73</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN MEMORIALS.

*To the Members and the Board of Managers, Buffalo
Historical Society :*

As there seems to be no by-law defining the duties of the committee on Indian Memorials, and no report from any preceding committee, the present committee is left without any clear conception of its precise duties or just what is expected of it.

Our local history is so interwoven with that of various Indian tribes that it would seem that this department should be made one of the most prominent features in the ever-growing collections of the Society. Less than a century ago the territory now covered by our beautiful city had scarcely been trodden by the foot of the white man; along the lake and by the side of the creek the smoke of the wigwam fire ascended. After the establishment of the village, and even after its further incorporation as a city, its streets were traversed by many sons and daughters of dusky tribes, among whom were some of their most distinguished chieftains and leaders. In these later days the Indian is becoming more and more a rare visitor in Buffalo, and it is safe to assume that the number seen will decrease as the years roll by.

Whatever history of these tribes is to be preserved should be gathered soon. They are without a written

history, and are the most peculiar example on the face of the globe, of a race inhabiting a great continent, warlike, aggressive, waging war with relentless ferocity, forming strong and masterful alliances, and yet a people now diminishing in number, degenerated physically and intellectually, some day to disappear altogether, having no records, self-kept, to tell the story of their battles, their conquests, their loves, their hatreds, their family joys and sorrows, and all the other minutæ which enters so largely into history.

And yet this is not altogether an exact statement of the situation. We know much of them since the advent of Columbus and the other pioneer wanderers across the New World. Where they have rubbed up against the white man we know the result. As the immediate predecessors of the present inhabitants of this soil many of their legends and traditions became whispered conversations around the homes and firesides of the newcomers. But these are only legends and traditions. Written history itself is often at fault, relating only part of a story, and that distorted and unreal. And where only one side can write, who can judge of the impartiality and accuracy of the story?

The Historical Society is endeavoring, through its collections, to preserve, in one way at least, some record of this departing race. Specimens of arrow heads, hatchets, spears, bows and arrows, other implements for various uses, crude and primitive though they are, the collection donated by the late Honorable Jonathan

Scoville, are all object lessons in Indian history. A few photographs of later-day Indian leaders have also been secured. These are all of priceless value. We shall never know whether, two or three or four hundred years ago, Hiawatha consummated the powerful league of the Iroquois, but a spear, an arrow head or similar trophy will speak for itself for generations. The imposing ceremonies connected with the re-burial of Red Jacket and his associates are fresh in your memories. It was a grand idea, nobly developed and consummated. Measures are now on foot looking to the purchase of the medal presented by President Washington to Red Jacket. In this, as in other matters, the Society is handicapped by a lack of funds, which probably is not an isolated case or one of recent origin.

Only a few days ago a report was published in the daily press of a donation to the Regents of the State University of a magnificent collection of Indian relics and mementos by a devoted friend of the race, to be placed on exhibition at Albany. It was not a question of funds in this instance, but in reading it the thought naturally arises, where are the friends of the Buffalo Historical Society who will treat it in a similar manner? If we would preserve any record of *what* if not *who* this people was, we can do it truthfully through such mediums as this, and especial attention should be given to that part of the race who peopled our own section of the State.

These few thoughts are submitted, not so much to

make suggestions or recommendations, as to call attention to the importance of this branch of the work, for whatever is to be done should be done speedily, or the opportunities may pass, not to return.

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APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

APPROVED DEC. 10, 1896.

1. The Society shall consist of resident, corresponding and honorary members, and patrons who shall be elected by a majority of ballots of the Board of Managers at any meeting thereof; and of life members, as hereinafter provided. Resident members shall consist of persons residing in the city of Buffalo, or in Western New York; corresponding and honorary members, of persons residing elsewhere; patrons, of persons contributing \$2.500 to the building fund.

2. None but resident and life members shall be eligible to office or qualified to vote.

3. Resident members shall pay an admission fee of five dollars, and for each calendar year thereafter an annual due of five dollars, payable by or before the first day of April. The election of resident members shall confer no privilege of membership until after payment of the admission fee. Members neglecting to pay the annual dues before the first day of January next after the same become payable, shall thereby become ineligible for office until such time as the dues are paid. All members in arrears two or more years shall forfeit the right to vote at any of the meetings of the Society, and their membership may be terminated by the majority vote of the Board of Managers at any regular meeting. The President, with the consent of the Board of Managers or of the majority of the Committee on Membership, given in writing, may, upon the payment of a portion of the back dues of any member, remit the unpaid balance and restore the full privileges of such members.

4. The payment of one hundred dollars, at one time, for that purpose, shall constitute a life membership, exempt from all annual dues. The Board of Managers may confer life membership upon any person for valuable services rendered, or donations made to the Society.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of January in each year. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or the Secretary may direct the call of a special meeting at any time as hereafter provided, or as provided by law.

6. Those members who shall attend at any meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. All vacancies in office may be filled, for the unexpired term, by the Board of Managers.

8. The meeting of this Society and of the Board of Managers shall be held at the rooms of the Society, or at such other place as the President may appoint, and such hour as shall be designated by the Secretary in the notice of the meeting.

9. Notice of every meeting of the Board of Managers shall be given to the members thereof personally, or by postal card sent to their respective postoffice addresses.

10. Special meetings of the Society, other than those regulated by statute, may be called at any time by the Board of Managers upon notice, stating the time, place and object thereof, given by publication in a daily newspaper, published in the city of Buffalo, at least five days prior to such meeting.

11. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, regulate its proceedings, preserve order and decorum, and have a casting vote. He shall also be the chairman of the Board of Managers.

12. The Vice-President shall discharge all the duties of the President in case of his absence.

13. The Secretary shall have the custody of the By-Laws and records of the Society. He shall be the Secretary of the Board of Managers, and keep a record of its proceedings and of the meetings of the Society, and shall have the custody of all letters and communications on the business of the Society, and shall read to the Board of Managers all communications received by him as such Secretary. He shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, prepare all communications to be addressed to others in the name of the Society, and keep true copies of the same.

14. The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall have the custody of the library and cabinet, including all manuscripts, papers, documents, coins and maps, and shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, provide cases suitable for their preservation, and for convenient reference and inspection. He shall keep a record of all donations, and report the same from time to time to the Board of Managers.

15. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all securities and sums of money due and payable or belonging to the Society. He shall keep the funds of the Society on deposit to its credit in some safe institution or institutions, to be approved by the Board of Managers, to be disbursed or paid out only as they shall direct, on the written order or warrant of the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and render an annual statement thereof, and oftener if called upon by the Society or the Board of Managers. He may be required to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and form as the Board of Managers shall direct.

16. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society.

They shall make annually, on the second Tuesday of January, a report to the Society of its acquisitions and transactions for the preceding year.

17. All books, maps, manuscripts, and other articles belong-

ing to the Society shall be plainly marked with the name of the Society, and numbered, and entered in a catalogue arranged for convenient reference.

18. No books or other property of the Society shall be loaned or taken from the rooms except on the written order of the President, or, in case of his absence from the city or incapacity to act, on the written order of the Vice-President.

19. Any of these By-Laws may be suspended in case of a temporary exigency, by the Board of Managers. They may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of the Society, provided notice of the proposed amendment be given at least two weeks previous to a final vote thereon.

20. At a meeting of the Society, and (so far as may be applicable) at the meetings of the Board of Managers, the following shall be the order of business:—

- I. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
- II. Reports and communications from the officers of the Society.
- III. Reports from Committees
- IV. Election of Members.
- V. Miscellaneous business.

21. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers the President shall appoint from the Board of Managers the following Standing Committees, to consist of four members each, viz.:

- I. On Finance.
- II. On the Library.
- III. On Buildings.
- IV. On Donations, Subscriptions and Collections.
- V. On Publications.
- VI. On Membership.
- VII. On Lectures and Receptions.

The President shall also be ex-officio a member of each of such Committees.

22. The Board of Managers shall hold a meeting on the Thursday next after each annual election at 4. P. M. for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

23. The President shall be, ex-officio, Chairman of the Committee on Finance ; and it shall be the duty of such Committee to take the general charge and supervision of the books, accounts and reports of the Treasurer, and of the finances, receipts and expenditures of the Society. It shall also be its duty to consider and recommend all suitable measures to increase the revenues of the Society, and promote economy in its expenditures. It shall examine and report upon all accounts and claims against the Society, and upon all propositions for the appropriation or expenditure of its funds, when such propositions have not been reported upon, or made, by some other Committee of the Board.

24. The Committee on the Library shall have the general charge and supervision of the Library, and of all propositions and measures in regard to its increase, use and management ; or in regard to the procurement, exchange or other disposition of books, periodicals and pamphlets, or their binding. They shall cause a full and perfect catalogue of the books, periodicals and pamphlets belonging to the same to be made, and, from time to time, corrected, continued and kept, in order to facilitate reference thereto, and secure proper accountability therefor, and they also shall have the general charge and supervision of all the papers and other property of the Society which shall not be catalogued as a part of its Library. It shall be their duty to cause a full and perfect list or inventory of the same to be made, continued and kept ; and to propose to the Board, and carry into execution (after the approval of the Board of Managers has been obtained) such measures as may be deemed expedient for the classification, arrangement, care, preservation and security of such papers, or for obtaining papers or articles of historical or local interest for preservation by the Society.

25. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Buildings to procure a site and the funds for the erection of a suitable building for the uses of the Society.

26. The Committee on Donations, Subscriptions and Collections shall have the general supervision and charge of procuring donations to the Society, and subscriptions to its funds, or for any special object; and it shall be its duty to propose proper measures for procuring donations and subscriptions, and for the prompt collection thereof.

27. The Committee on Publications shall have the charge and supervision of all publications made by the direction of the Board of Managers, and shall carefully examine all papers and other things directed to be published.

28. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership to consider and report upon all questions relating to Membership, which may be referred for that purpose, and, in so far as practicable to increase the membership of the Society.

29. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers, the President shall appoint the following Committees, each to consist of five members of the Society, not Managers, viz: —

- I. On the Increase of the Library.
- II. On the Increase of Members
- III. On Donations and Subscriptions.
- IV. On Statistics.
- V. On Portraits, Pictures and Photographs.
- VI. On Local History.
- VII. On Indian Reminiscences, Memorials and History.

30. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Increase of the Library to procure donations of books and pamphlets; to endeavor, by other means, to increase the Library; and to propose to the Board of Managers such measures for its increase as may be deemed expedient; of the Committee on the Increase of Members, to take all proper measures to increase the number of life and resident members; of the Committee on Donations and

Subscriptions, to endeavor to increase the funds and property of the Society, by donations and legacies, and otherwise; of the Committee on Statistics, to collect, arrange, and put in suitable form for preservation and use, the statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the City of Buffalo and the Lakes and of those portions of the West which are intimately connected with the business of Buffalo; of the Committee on Portraits, Pictures and Photographs, to obtain donations of portraits, pictures and photographs, and especially of portraits, in oil, of early settlers and other citizens; of the Committee on Local History, to procure, digest, arrange and put in order for preservation and use materials for a history of the City of Buffalo, and of Western New York; and of the Committee on Indian Reminiscences, Memorials and History, to discover, collect and arrange in suitable form for preservation and use, whatever they can obtain relating to the habits, peculiarities, possessions, and history of the Indian Nations and Tribes, now or formerly occupying portions of this State.

31. All reports of Standing Committees shall be in writing, but they may report by resolution if they shall deem it expedient.

32. The Constitutions and By-Laws of the Society heretofore existing are hereby abrogated.

NO. 4. FORM OF DEVISE.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum of dollars.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and to its successors and assigns forever,

All that piece or parcel of land, situate, etc.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

To the Friends of the Buffalo Historical Society :

The following forms are suggested to any friend of the Society who may have in mind the generous thought of increasing its very limited endowment by gift or bequest :

No. 1. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the City of Buffalo, New York, the sum of.....dollars towards the Building Fund of the Society.

No. 2. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the City of Buffalo, New York, the sum of.....dollars, which sum I desire that the said Society shall preserve by proper investment as a perpetual fund, to be known as The.....Fund, the yearly income thereof, and no more, to be expended annually in the publication of its papers, purchase of books, periodicals, prints, maps or other works, to increase or improve its library.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum ofdollars.

No. 4. FORM OF DEVISE.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and to its successors and assigns forever,

ALL that piece or parcel of land, situate, etc.

Buffalo Historical Society.



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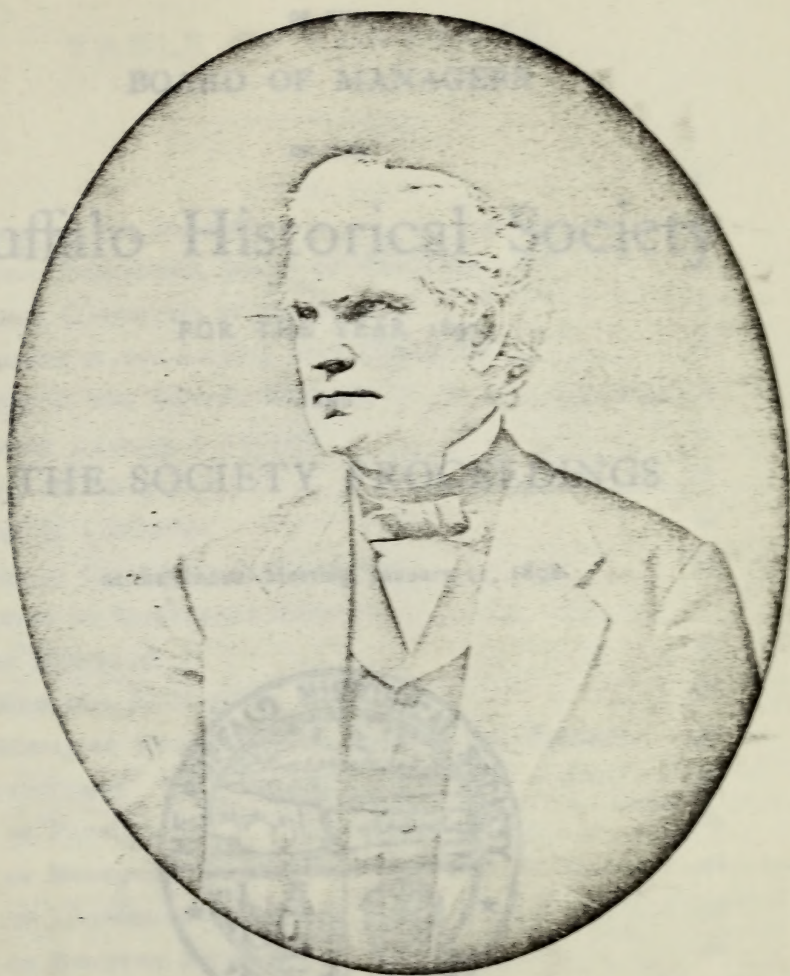
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For the Year 1897.

Hon. NATHAN K. HALL,

FIFTH PRESIDENT OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1897.

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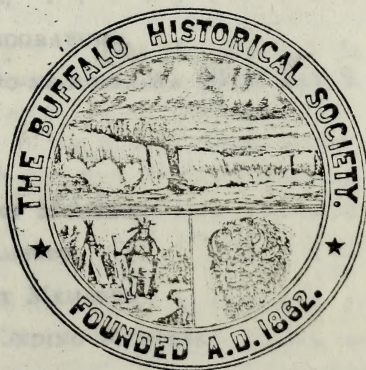
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FOR THE YEAR 1897,

AND

THE SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS

at the Annual Meeting, January 11, 1898.



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1898.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

NOTE.

President

ANDREW LANGDON

This pamphlet contains, besides the regular annual reports of the Society's officers for 1897, a detailed account, included in the Secretary's report for the Board of Managers, of the reinterment, in the Red Jacket lot at Forest Lawn, of the remains of Gen. Ely S. Parker, under the direction of the Historical Society. Biographical sketches and portraits of three members of the Board of Managers, and of a former vice-president of the Society, who died during the year, are also given. For convenience of reference the revised By-Laws are also here printed.

Two years ago the Society began the publication in its annual reports of the portraits of the men who have been its presidents since the organization of the Society in 1862. The report for 1895 contains a fine portrait of Millard Fillmore, president of the Society for the first five years of its existence, 1862-67; and of his successor, Henry W. Rogers, president in 1868. The report for 1896 contained portraits of the two following presidents: The Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., and Orsamus H. Marshall. The series is continued in the present report with the Hon. Nathan K. Hall, president for 1871, and William H. Greene, president in 1872.

In response to frequent inquiries for its Publications, it may be stated that Vols. I. and II. are out of print and the Society cannot undertake to supply them. Vol. III., the Red Jacket "Transactions," can be supplied by the Society at 25 cents a copy. Application for Vol. IV. of the Publications, issued in 1896, should be made to the publishers, The Peter Paul Book Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

George W. Townsend, Henry A. Richmond, Charles W. Goodyear.

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WARD, JR.

1898.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President,

ANDREW LANGDON.

Vice-President,

GEORGE ALFRED STRINGER.

Treasurer,

CHARLES J. NORTH.

Secretary,

FRANK H. SEVERANCE.

Staff at the Society's Rooms,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, EDWARD D. STRICKLAND.

LIBRARIAN, MISS ELLA M. EDWARDS.

CUSTODIAN, MRS. E. W. ANDREWS.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

TERM ENDING JANUARY, 1899.—ANDREW LANGDON, GEORGE ALFRED STRINGER, FRANK H. SEVERANCE, GEORGE S. HAZARD, JAMES SWEENEY.

TERM ENDING JANUARY, 1900.—DR. ALBERT H. BRIGGS, CHARLES J. NORTH, CYRUS K. REMINGTON, JAMES TILLINGHAST, LEWIS J. BENNETT.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

FINANCE.—HON. JAMES M. SMITH, *Chairman*; CHARLES W. GOODYEAR, GEORGE ALFRED STRINGER, HON. HENRY W. HILL.

BUILDING.—J. N. ADAM, *Chairman*; DR. JOSEPH C. GREENE, JAMES SWEENEY, CHARLES W. GOODYEAR.

LIBRARY.—J. N. LARNED, *Chairman*; FRANK H. SEVERANCE, J. N. ADAM, LEWIS J. BENNETT.

DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COLLECTIONS.—CYRUS K. REMINGTON, *Chairman*; HENRY A. RICHMOND, DR. A. H. BRIGGS, LEWIS J. BENNETT.

PUBLICATIONS.—FRANK H. SEVERANCE, *Chairman*; J. N. LARNED, JAMES SWEENEY, GEORGE W. TOWNSEND.

MEMBERSHIP.—GEORGE S. HAZARD, *Chairman*; DR. JOSEPH C. GREENE, CYRUS K. REMINGTON, HAMILTON WARD, JR.

LECTURES AND RECEPTIONS.—DR. JOSEPH C. GREENE, *Chairman*; FRANK H. SEVERANCE, HAMILTON WARD, JR., GEORGE ALFRED STRINGER.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY
STANDING COMMITTEES
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INCREASE OF LIBRARY.—R. B. ADAM, *Chairman*; T. GUILFORD SMITH, J. JOSEPH ALBRIGHT, HON. SHERMAN S. ROGERS, WILLIAM C. WARREN.

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.—ROBERT KEATING, *Chairman*; MRS. ESTHER C. DAVENPORT, GEORGE H. DUNSTON, MISS NELLA R. BENEDICT, GIBSON T. WILLIAMS.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.—JOHN J. MCWILLIAMS, *Chairman*; GEORGE V. FORMAN, GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, GEORGE R. HOWARD, HON. PHILIP BECKER.

STATISTICS.—CHARLES R. WILSON, *Chairman*; MARK S. HUBBELL, PORTER NORTON, R. R. HEFFORD, MARTIN CLARK.

PORTRAITS, PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS.—W. C. CORNWELL, *Chairman*; PHILIP S. SMITH, WILLIS O. CHAPIN, DR. LUCIEN HOWE, C. M. UNDERHILL.

LOCAL HISTORY.—Gen. JOHN C. GRAVES, *Chairman*; J. H. TILDEN, MISS GRACE C. SHELDON, MRS. LILY LORD TIFT, HON. HENRY P. EMERSON.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.—GEORGE D. EMERSON, *Chairman*; HON. DAVID F. DAY, REV. THOMAS DONOHUE, D. D., W. H. GARDNER, PROF. HORACE BRIGGS.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

*MILLARD FILLMORE,	1862 to 1867
*HENRY W. ROGERS,	1868
*Rev. ALBERT T. CHESTER, D. D.,	1869
*ORSAMUS H. MARSHALL,	1870
*Hon. NATHAN K. HALL,	1871
*WILLIAM H. GREENE,	1872
*ORLANDO ALLEN,	1873
*OLIVER G. STEELE,	1874
*Hon. JAMES SHELDON,	1875 and 1886
WILLIAM C. BRYANT,	1876
*Capt. E. P. DORR,	1877
Hon. WILLIAM P. LETCHWORTH,	1878
WILLIAM H. H. NEWMAN,	1879 and 1885
Hon. ELIAS S. HAWLEY,	1880
Hon. JAMES M. SMITH,	1881
*WILLIAM HODGE,	1882
*WILLIAM DANA FOBES,	1883 and 1884
*EMMOR HAINES,	1887
JAMES TILLINGHAST,	1888
*WILLIAM K. ALLEN,	1889
JOSEPH C. GREENE, M. D.,	1891
GEORGE S. HAZARD,	1890 and 1892
JULIUS H. DAWES,	1893
ANDREW LANGFON,	1894 to 1898

* Deceased.

George A. Stringer moved that 2,000 copies of the annual report be published and that the reports of the secretary, the librarian and the treasurer with the address of the members be incorporated therein. Carried.

The committee on nominations reported the following names: Hon. Henry W. Hill, Hon. James M. Griffith.

Thirty-Sixth Annual Report

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After a brief intermission the meeting was again adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held in the assembly-room of the Society in the Buffalo Library Building on Tuesday evening, January 11, 1898. The meeting was called to order by the president, Andrew Langdon.

The minutes of the thirty-fifth annual meeting were read by the assistant secretary; on motion, approved.

The report of the Board of Managers was read by the secretary, Frank H. Severance. The librarian's report was presented by Edward D. Strickland. Charles J. North presented the treasurer's report. These were received and placed on file.

On motion, the chair named the following committee to report nominations of five members to serve as councillors for a term of four years: Dr. Joseph C. Greene, Henry A. Richmond, Philip S. Smith and Albert E. Jones.

George A. Stringer moved that 2,000 copies of the annual report be published and that the reports of the secretary, the librarian and the treasurer, with the addresses of President Langdon and Mr. A. H. Griffith, be incorporated therein. Carried.

The committee on nominations reported the following names: Hon. Henry W. Hill, Hon. James M. Smith, J. N. Adam, J. N. Larned, Hamilton Ward, Jr. The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society and the members named were declared duly elected.

After a brief intermission the meeting was again called to order. President Langdon delivered an address, and introduced as the speaker of the evening Mr. A. H. Griffith, Director of the Detroit Museum of Art. Mr. Griffith spoke of "A City's Debt to its Citizens." A vote of thanks was given Mr. Griffith.

Dr. J. C. Greene, chairman of the committee on lectures and receptions, reported the following course:

January 11th. A. H. Griffith, Director Detroit Museum of Art; "A City's Debt to its Citizens."

January 17th. Hon. George W. Fishback, Philadelphia, Pa.; "South American Republics and the Pan-American Exposition." (Illustrated with stereopticon.)

January 26th. Presentation of G. A. R. Collection; address by Col. Alfred D. Shaw, Department Commander State of New York.

February 7th. J. N. Larned; "England and the English."

February 21st. Henry L. Elmendorf; "Free Library Movement in Buffalo."

March 7th. Prof. George L. Burr of Cornell University; "Work of the Venezuelan Commission."

March 21st. L. B. Stilwell; "Utilized Niagara Power." (Illustrated with stereopticon.)

April 4th. Frank H. Severance; "Old Trails."

On motion of Henry A. Richmond, adjourned.

PRESIDENT LANGDON'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

As the years go rushing past, the anniversaries seem closer and closer to each other. This is especially true to those of us who have passed the meridian. The years seem to grow shorter; the work we plan in January is unaccomplished in December. Very true, indeed, is this of the year just passed — a year so filled with shadow and deep sorrows. We shrink from recalling them.

Death has sent his arrows of desolation into our ranks as never before. Dr. James, our friend and benefactor, loved by all who knew him, wise in counsel, generous, faithful, was the first to be called to his long home. He was quickly followed by Mr. Granger and Mr. Lewis, both so true to every good impulse that a word spoken of either applies equally well to the other. They were pre-eminently faithful to every trust; both true, generous, noble men. To speak of these three men fills our hearts with sweet memories. If we emulate their examples we shall make few mistakes.

The vacancies caused by these deaths have been filled by the election of Lewis J. Bennett, James Sweeney and Charles W. Goodyear, men whom you all know, and I am sure that the affairs of the Buffalo Historical Society will be wisely administered by them.

In the death of James Fraser Gluck this Society shares in the keen sense of grievous loss felt by all whose joy it has ever been to know and associate with him. Mr. Gluck was at one time vice-president of the Historical Society, for many years a life member, and was ever one of its interested and greatly honored members.

The memory of a former president of this Society has been perpetuated by the generous gift of his lately deceased widow, who in her will bequeathed to the Society the sum of \$3,000. The name of William Dana Fobes has always been an honored one in the annals of the Society, and this remembrance of us is an evidence of the high regard in which both Mr. and Mrs. Fobes held the Society and its work.

The friendly relations which exist between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Buffalo Historical Society have led the members of the Grand Army to place in our keeping and possession their relics and records. For this purpose they have had a large, ornamental case especially designed and built, in which their collection will be preserved. This collection they will formally present to the Society, with appropriate exercises, in the near future. Such a collection will stand forever as one of the ties that bind the past and the future, even when the Grand Army must become but a name and a memory.

Another step forward : By a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Board of Managers, articles of value and historical interest may now be received on deposit. Heretofore, unless the owners were willing to give such articles into the absolute ownership of the Society, we have been obliged to refuse to receive them.

The report of the Treasurer is so clear and concise that no explanations are required. All our funds show a gratifying increase, notwithstanding our increased expenses. As in previous years, we can say, "we owe no man a dollar." The Secretary's report is an epitome of the work we have accomplished during the year.

THE BUILDING PROJECT.

It is with much hesitation that I refer to our building project. Your officers, by diligent effort, were most successful in securing advantageous legislation, so advantageous that all felt that the accomplishment of our hearts' desire was at hand. The city of Buffalo came to the fore in a most liberal manner; they granted us, without cost, a beautiful site in Delaware Park, with surroundings that would have made a visit to our rooms a perpetual joy. Toward the erection of a noble building, of which you see an idealized drawing, they gave \$25,000. The city agreed further to contribute toward the care and maintenance of such building not less than \$5,000 annually, together with heating and lighting, the equivalent of a perpetual endowment at 4 per cent. of \$150,000. This amount, added to our regular income from memberships, interest, etc., would have enabled us at once to establish a

course of historical educational work. The Germans, true to their nationality as students and scientists, have set us a noble example of what may thus be accomplished.

The building located at the point selected, at the Elmwood-avenue entrance to the Park, would have been far more accessible from all the eastern and northern parts of the city than where we are now located, with its gridiron of tracks, the liability of women and children to trolleycution—and then the long, hard stairs and the crowded rooms.

Our course was generally approved; not a single word was ever expressed in the Council of the Society, never a single vote was cast against the splendid scheme. Few realized the far-reaching advantages of the plan; not a single suggestion of a better plan, or, indeed, of any kind that is practicable to carry out, has been made. When it is, I know that I voice the sentiment of your Board in saying that they will heartily support any measure that will give the Buffalo Historical Society the home that it so sorely needs, and that it must have ere long, for here we are but tenants at will. The time is near at hand when the Library must have our present quarters—shall we lose this golden opportunity? Shall we neglect to avail ourselves of the generously proffered aid because of a very few men, men who suggest no practical plan in its stead, but on general principles oppose the project, a project which knows no East Side, no West Side, only working for the good of all Buffalo?

Members of the Historical Society, citizens of Buffalo, it is for you to say. We have done our

utmost to promote the great good to all, to bring to a higher, nobler plane this great educational, patriotic institution. If you believe in it, if you believe in your Board, put your shoulder to the wheel and show by encouraging words and deeds that you approve.

Our city is far behind others, smaller and less important. I have so many times spoken of this, that I refrain from odious comparison, only citing one case as illustration. Last summer occurred the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Big Tree Treaty between the Indians and Robert Morris at the village of Geneseo. This event was celebrated by ceremonies lasting all day—from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 in the evening—with only a brief interval for dinner. The hall of the Normal School Building was packed both morning and afternoon with an audience of a thousand people, eager to celebrate the anniversary that commemorated the founding of their present homes. In Buffalo, anniversaries pass unheeded, unknown.

In years of the past it has been the custom for the President to deliver an annual address. It has seemed to me better this year to make an innovation; we have with us to-night a gentleman who has been pre-eminently successful in building up—aye, in creating—a great institution, such as we hope the Buffalo Historical Society will be in the near future, in our sister City of the Lakes.

I have great pleasure, fellow citizens, in introducing Mr. A. H. Griffith, Director of the Detroit Museum of Art.

[Mr. Griffith's address, given as an informal talk, was a graphic account of the history and work of the

Museum of Art in Detroit. He told how the institution had grown from small beginnings, and dwelt especially on the success of the free Sunday afternoon lectures. The museum is now housed in a fine new building, receives generous appropriations from the municipality, and is an institution which is a center of popular enjoyment and instruction and a source of pride to the city.]

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand as received from George W. Townsend, Treasurer,		\$1,961.73
Annual Dues,	\$1,040.00	
Maintenance Lord Library,	500.00	
Sale 1 Volume Publications,	5.00	
Interest,	1,575.57	3,120.57
		<hr/> \$5,082.30

Disbursements.

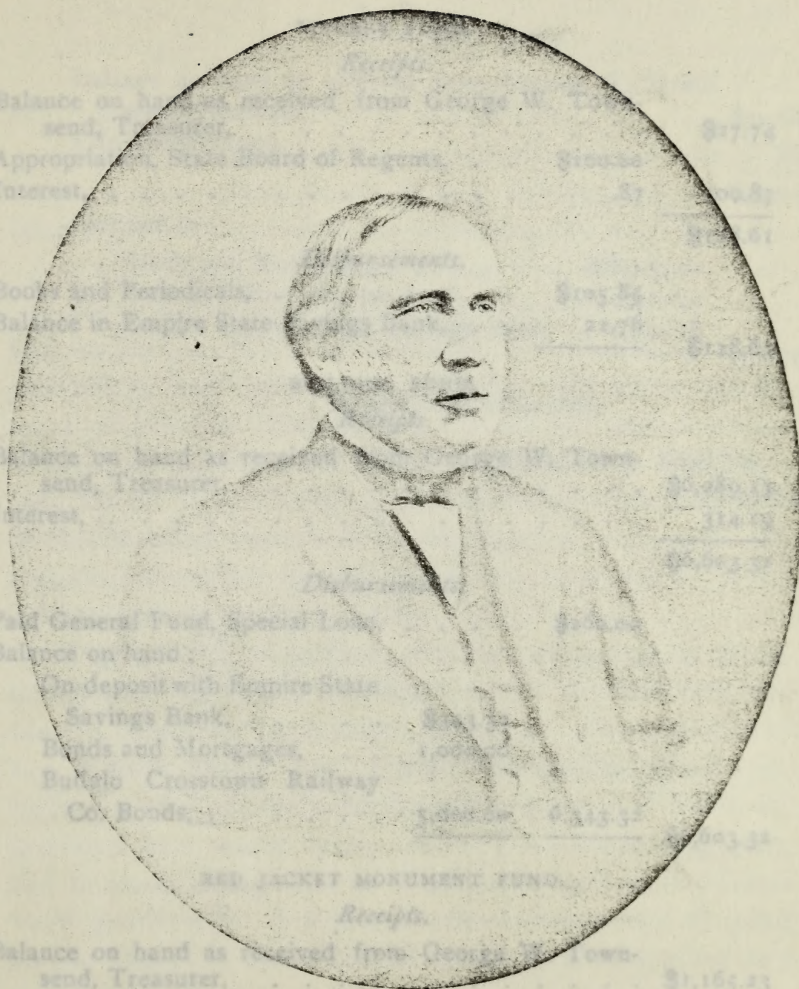
Salaries,	\$2,154.82	
General Expenses,	444.19	
Sundry Expenses of Secretary,	230.21	
Buffalo Library, Maintenance of Building, May 1, 1897, to Nov. 1, 1897,	250.00	
Balance on hand, January 12, 1898,	2,003.08	5,082.30
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Note: Balance on hand, \$2,003.08

Deferred interest

on Mortgage, 778.68

Total, \$2,781.76



WILLIAM H. GREENE,

SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1872.

LIBRARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand as received from George W. Townsend, Treasurer,		\$27.74
Appropriation, State Board of Regents,	\$100.00	
Interest,87	100.87
		<u>\$128.61</u>

Disbursements.

Books and Periodicals,	\$105.85	
Balance in Empire State Savings Bank,	22.76	
		<u>\$128.61</u>

BUILDING FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand as received from George W. Townsend, Treasurer,		\$6,289.13
Interest,		314.19
		<u>\$6,603.32</u>

Disbursements.

Paid General Fund, Special Loan,	\$260.00	
Balance on hand :		
On deposit with Empire State Savings Bank,	\$343.32	
Bonds and Mortgages,	1,000.00	
Buffalo Crosstown Railway Co. Bonds,	5,000.00	6,343.32
		<u>\$6,603.32</u>

RED JACKET MONUMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand as received from George W. Townsend, Treasurer,		\$1,165.23
Interest,		15.17
		<u>\$1,180.40</u>

Disbursements.

Reinterment of remains of Gen. Ely S. Parker,	\$26.75	
Balance on deposit Ellicott Square Bank,	1,153.65	
		<u>\$1,180.40</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Balance on hand as received from George W. Townsend, Treasurer,	\$34,669.78
Life Memberships,	350.00
	<u>\$35,019.78</u>

Invested in

Bonds and Mortgages,	\$28,775.00
Cash in Ellicott Square Bank,	4,500.00
Cash in Empire State Savings Bank,	<u>1,744.78</u>
	\$35,019.78

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. NORTH,
Treasurer.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Mr. President, Members of the Society:

Your Librarian would respectfully submit the following report of the year's work. At the last Annual Meeting we were able to report 9,121 volumes and 7,879 pamphlets and periodicals in our library. During the year we have added by purchase and by donation and exchange with other societies 173 volumes and 616 pamphlets and periodicals. Under the same conditions which have heretofore existed we would report to-night as our total collection 9,294 volumes and 8,003 pamphlets; but, according to the re-arrangement and re-classification adopted in connection with the re-organization of the library during the year, these above figures are not quite accurate.

A great deal of interest attaches to many of these accessions by reason of their rarity or their subject-matter, and they have been well used. The patrons of the library to-day are greater in number than ever before, and their research has led them and your attendants into many fields. This evidence of the partial accomplishing of our mission is well defined and very gratifying. Individual acknowledgment of gifts to the library is contained in the list of contributions on another page.

Doubtless the most progressive step in library management and in facility in our work, which has been taken by this society in several years, is the compilation of a thorough and systematic card catalogue according to the general system, varied in some slight degree

more perfectly to fit the special and peculiar requirements of a historical library. This work, under the supervision of a graduate of the Library School at Albany, has been carried forward steadily and rapidly. During the summer months the work was completed, and the books were entirely re-arranged upon the shelves. Possibly, some small realization of what this task involved may be had in learning that it necessitated the adjustment of each shelf in each case, the double handling of every one of our nearly 10,000 books, and a very careful apportionment of the same upon the shelves.

Before this re-arrangement could be effected, however, it was necessary to accession each volume, prepare two or more cards for the catalogue, and then replace the book, three complete handlings — five in all as the work is now accomplished. The value of this work, both to the Society and to those who seek information, cannot be overestimated.

Work of the same nature is being perfected in the cataloguing of the pamphlets contained in cases apart from the regular collection, and among these latter have been found many that have been transferred to the general collection. The case which was purchased at the beginning of the work, and which is designed to hold 30,000 cards, is now completely filled. A second case of like capacity has been purchased.

Genealogical research is now no longer a mere fad but is fast becoming very general. During the year additions have been made to that department of the library and no other accessions have been more generally and more thoroughly appreciated by our patrons.

A very practical suggestion is that the genealogical books contained in our own library, in the Buffalo Public and in the Grosvenor, be gathered together in one of these three libraries, and the advisability of such a combination is being considered. Another suggestion which has been current among those who frequent our rooms for genealogical research is the establishment of a society for the exchange of assistance in this line. These are indications of the influence of the Historical Society.

To the editors and proprietors of the daily papers of the city we are grateful for their kindness in supplying us copies of each issue of their respective publications. To all who have in any way added to our power for usefulness we are duly thankful.

The library is open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening, and is free to the public for reference during these hours.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD D. STRICKLAND,

Librarian.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President, Members of the Society:

The Secretary's report is, by our custom, simply an accounting, from the Board of Managers to the Society in general, of the miscellaneous work of the year, and of such matters as are not dealt with by the reports of other officers.

The year's acquisitions, by gift, include 34 pictures, most of them framed; many miscellaneous articles of historic value or antiquarian interest, especially a collection of Indian relics; a portion of the original MS. of Noah Webster's dictionary, autograph letters of George Washington, Jennie Lind and others, and many books, as noted in the report of the Librarian. The full schedule of these gifts, with names of donors, will appear in the published annual report of the Society. Most notable of all are a case, records and relics from the G. A. R. Posts of this city, the formal presentation of which, soon to be made, will belong to the events of '98.

The Society's museum is open to the public, free, six days in the week; and when there have been many strangers in town, brought here by conventions, our standing invitation for all to visit the rooms has been reinforced by the distribution of printed cards, on which were noted the hours during which our doors are open and the collections which are thought to be of special interest. During the week of the Grand Army Encampment the assistant secretary estimated that he had 5,000 visitors, of whom 2,000 registered. During

the convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the sojourn in Buffalo of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, and other notable gatherings, visitors were many. Throughout the year our rooms have been visited by a greater number of persons than ever before, and it is fair to assume that there has been an increase in the proportion of those who understood, somewhat, the objects which they viewed; and also of students, who have but to make themselves known to have every book or other aid in our possession cheerfully placed at their service. Day after day flocks of school children and many idle persons drift aimlessly through the rooms; but we cannot expect to see the community really alive to the fact that we exist, until we cease to be, like the coffin of Mahomet, suspended 'twixt earth and heaven—and about as easily accessible from one region as the other.

The lecture course of '97 was a good one, attended by audiences which, considering the altitude, may be called large. The lecturers and subjects were:

February 1st. "What Befell Davy Ogden: an episode in the history of Fort Niagara," by the Secretary, Frank H. Severance.

February 22d. "The Loyalists of the State of New York," by Maj. Ernest Cruikshank.

March 8th. "A Study of the Immigration Problem," by the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer.

March 22d. "Scientific and Archæological Discoveries and the Bible," by Bishop Charles H. Fowler.

April 5th. "The Grade Crossing Movement from its Inception to the Present Time," by Robert B. Adam.

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likely to prove of more value to the Society, or to the students of history who use our collections, than contributions to our archives — the unpublished manuscripts of important events, correspondence or reminiscences of pioneers or of prominent men. It is on such material that most substantial progress in the knowledge of our country's history is made; and the Buffalo Historical Society explicitly asks its friends to help it in the discovery and acquisition of such material. It is well to note that the Society has not pursued, cannot pursue, a policy of purchase; we appreciate the higher level of true philanthropy, and seek, not to buy, but to acquire.

Most of all, we desire new members. The day has passed—if it ever was—when a historical society which is nothing but a club of gentlemen of antiquarian tastes, — there are no antiquarian ladies — can acquit itself of its full duty towards the community. Nor is it enough to gather relics, or set up landmarks. It is hoped that the work of this Society may be shaped more and more so as to supply certain needs of the young people who are studying history in the schools; so as to make its rooms more and more the rendezvous of the student; so as to affiliate more closely than heretofore with the Grand Army Posts or other earnest organizations which meet us in the common ground of home history.

Membership in the Historical Society may be enjoyed by any man, woman or child, for \$5 a year — a paltry 10 cents a week. Now is the time to join.

FRANK H. SEVERANCE,

Secretary.

APPENDIX

In Memoriam.

THE SOCIETY'S LOSSES BY DEATH IN 1897 ARE:

W. D. Allen,	Died January 8.
James A. Allen,	Died February 4.
Sherman S. Jewett,	Died February 28.
Frederick C. Williams,	Died March 9.
Dr. Frederick William Bartlett,	Died March 17.
Samuel T. Atwater,	Died May 1.
Hon. Elbridge Gerry Spaulding,	Died May 5.
Hon. Horatio King. (Washington, D. C.)	Died May 20.
Dr. Frederick H. James,	Died June 28.
Henry Martin,	Died July 7.
Edmond W. Granger,	Died August 31.
Frederick L. Danforth,	Died September 5.
George Howard Lewis,	Died October 2.
George R. Haines,	Died October 14.
William Anderson,	Died October 20.
Col. James N. Granger,	Died October 27.
James Fraser Gluck,	Died December 15.

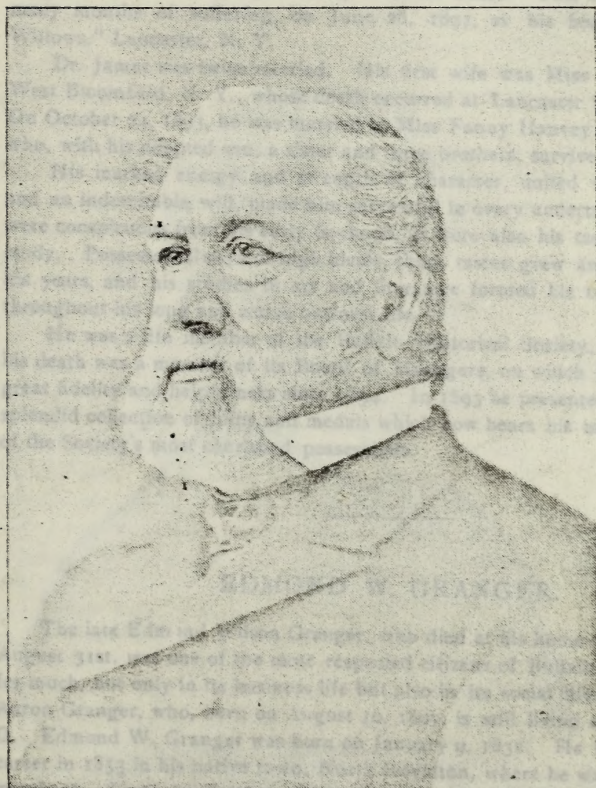
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APPENDIX TO THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I. Memorial Biographies.



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DR. F. H. JAMES. — DIED JUNE 28, 1897.

FREDERICK HANNUM JAMES.

Dr. Frederick Hannum James was born in Blakeney, Gloucestershire, England, March 9, 1825. The family removed to this country while he was yet a lad,

settling in Rochester, N. Y., and he received his education in the schools of that city. He then entered upon the study of medicine in Rochester, completing his course in Litchfield, Vermont. After several years of professional work in Rochester, he was elected superintendent of the Monroe County Almshouse, which position he held until 1863, when, having purchased the Lancaster Glass Works, he removed to that place. From that time until his death he was actively identified with Buffalo's business interests and social life.

He retired from active business about ten years since, but retained various positions of trust and responsibility until his death. This event occurred, after many months of suffering, on June 28, 1897, at his beautiful home, "The Willows," Lancaster, N. Y.

Dr. James was twice married. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Collins of West Bloomfield, N. Y., whose death occurred at Lancaster September 19, 1882. On October 24, 1893, he was married to Miss Fanny Hanvey of Rochester, N. Y., who, with his adopted son, a sister and three brothers, survive to mourn his loss.

His marked energy and strength of character, united with clear judgment and an indomitable will, made him successful in every undertaking. These traits were conspicuous from his early boyhood, as were also his tastes for reading and study. Possessed always of high ideals, these tastes grew and strengthened with his years, and his studies in art and literature formed his best loved recreation throughout his long and active business life.

He was a life member of the Buffalo Historical Society, and at the time of his death was a member of its Board of Managers, on which he had served with great fidelity and helpfulness since 1894. In 1893 he presented to the Society the splendid collection of coins and medals which now bears his name and forms one of the Society's most cherished possessions.

EDMOND W. GRANGER.

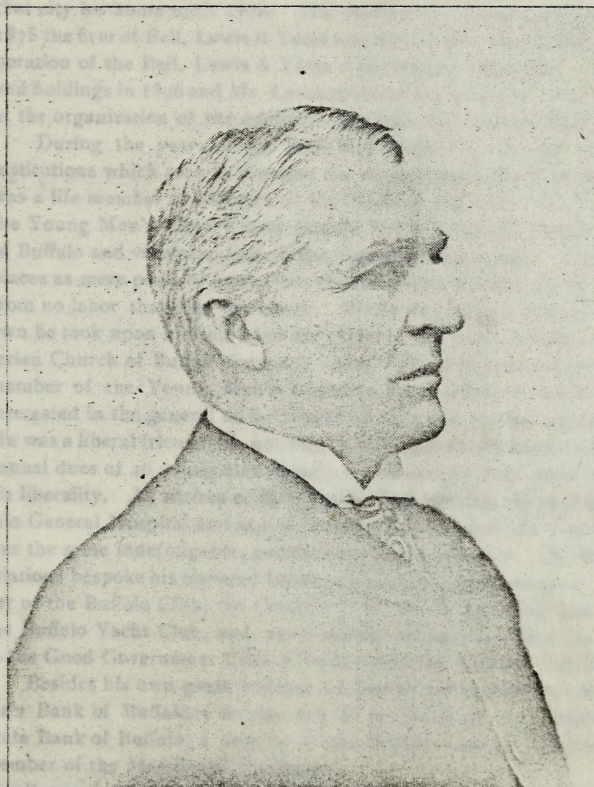
The late Edmond Wilson Granger, who died at his home on North Street on August 31st, was one of the most respected citizens of Buffalo; a man who stood for much, not only in its business life but also in its social life. He was a son of Aaron Granger, who, born on August 10, 1807, is still living at North Royalton, O. Edmond W. Granger was born on January 9, 1832. He began his business career in 1853 in his native town, North Royalton, where he was for many years a merchant. Later he lived at Titusville, Pa. In 1872 he removed to Buffalo, where, in connection with his brother, William H. Granger, he continued the wholesale grocery business under the firm name of Granger & Co.

The success which attended the venture was marked, and he soon became one of the leading merchants of the city.

Some eight years ago the firm was dissolved and Edmond W. Granger formed a new partnership composed of himself and his son-in-law, Charles Townsend

Wilson, retaining the old name of Granger & Co. He erected on the corner of Broadway and Ellicott Street what is perhaps the handsomest building in the city devoted to the wholesale trade. Here he continued active business up to the time of his death.

Mr. Granger was a member of Trinity Church, and interested himself in many objects of public charity. He was a member of the Board of Managers of



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EDMOND W. GRANGER. — DIED AUG. 31, 1897.

the Buffalo Historical Society, of the Church Charity Foundation, and many like institutions, to which he gave largely. Shortly before his death he was elected to the Board of Trustees of De Veaux College. Mr. Granger was married on December 4, 1856. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

GEORGE HOWARD LEWIS.

The death, on October 2, 1897, of George Howard Lewis, laid a heavy grief upon the Board of Managers, for in him the Historical Society had a devoted friend and wise counselor. He was born near Philadelphia in 1840. His early business life was passed in Montreal, where he was a member of the firm of W. F. Lewis & Co. In 1874 he married Katharine, daughter of the late Hon. Alfred Bell of Rochester. She and their son, Alfred George, survive him. He made that city his home until 1879. His residence subsequently was in this city. In 1878 the firm of Bell, Lewis & Yates was organized; later it was merged into the corporation of the Bell, Lewis & Yates Coal-mining Company. It sold its franchises and holdings in 1896 and Mr. Lewis retired from business. He was chosen president at the organization of the company and held that position during its existence.

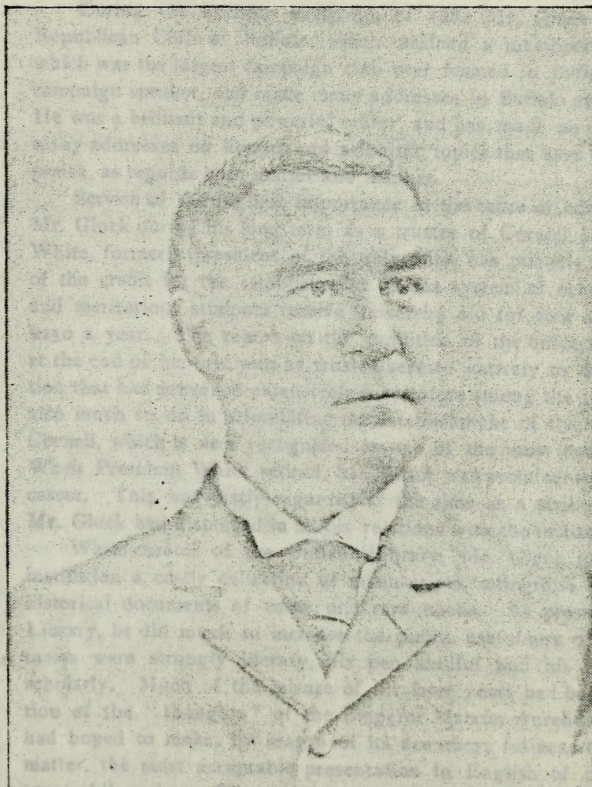
During the years of his Buffalo residence he became identified with many institutions which seek to promote the welfare and culture of the community. He was a life member and trustee of the Buffalo Historical Society, a life member of the Young Men's Library (now Buffalo Public Library), director of the University of Buffalo and vice-president of the School of Pedagogy. He did not hold these places as mere posts of honor, but for the good he could do in them. He shrank from no labor that was necessary. While engaged in important business of his own he took upon himself labor for others. He was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo for many years. He was a sustaining and contributing member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Buffalo and was deeply interested in the general advancement and welfare of that organization elsewhere. He was a liberal friend to it, not only giving generously to its funds, but paying the annual dues of 40 young men therein whose membership could come only through his liberality. As trustee of the Charity Organization Society of Buffalo, the Buffalo General Hospital and one of the advisory board of the Children's Hospital, he was the same indefatigable, painstaking, earnest worker. In the social world his relations bespoke his elevated tastes and earnestness of purpose. He was a member of the Buffalo Club, the Country Club, the Liberal Club and a life member of the Buffalo Yacht Club, and, as all worthy objects were dear to him, he belonged to the Good Government Club of Buffalo and the Reform Club of New York.

Besides his own great business he found time to become a director in the People's Bank of Buffalo—he was one of its founders—a director of the Empire State Bank of Buffalo, a director of the Buffalo General Electric Company and a member of the Merchants' Exchange.

But no mere enumeration of his varied business and social relations conveys a fair idea of Mr. Lewis's character. Punctilious in the discharge of all duties, with executive ability of the first order, he was quiet and retiring in disposition, avoiding display, and finding his chief delight in generous and charitable deeds. Often, it is probable, those whom he helped never learned who their benefactor was. Giving in uncommon measure of his time and means to others, during his life, his benefactions were continued by large bequests to charities and other institutions. Long will this community cherish the memory of George Howard Lewis.

JAMES FRASER GLUCK.

Conspicuous among the younger men in the community who have been identified with the Buffalo Historical Society was James Fraser Gluck, vice-president of this Society in 1895, and whose untimely death, on December 15, 1897, will long be deeply mourned in many circles. The story of his life, full of



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JAMES FRASER GLUCK. — DIED DEC. 15, 1897.

honors and successes as it was, is but the story of beginnings. His life gave promise of brilliant achievements, alike in his chosen profession of the law, and in literature, which was his delight.

He was born at Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 28, 1852; attended Upper Canada College at Toronto and Cornell University, from which he was graduated

in 1874. He studied law in Buffalo, in the office of Laning & Willett, was admitted to the bar in 1876, and formed a partnership with A. P. Laning and Daniel H. McMillan in 1877. After the death of Mr. Laning the firm became successively Greene, McMillan & Gluck (1881-87), McMillan, Gluck & Pooley (1887-90), and since 1890, McMillan, Gluck, Pooley & Depew. As a trial lawyer in railroad cases Mr. Gluck stood pre-eminent in his profession. His ability was recognized by his selection some years since to fill the chair of the law of corporations in the Buffalo Law School, a branch of the University of Buffalo.

During the exciting campaign of 1884 Mr. Gluck organized the Central Republican Club of Buffalo, which attained a membership of over 2,500, and which was the largest campaign club ever formed in Buffalo. He was a favorite campaign speaker, and made many addresses in Buffalo and throughout the State. He was a brilliant and powerful orator, and has made on occasions of importance many addresses on literary and scientific topics that have won for him the highest praise, as regards both matter and manner.

Service of the highest importance in the cause of education was rendered by Mr. Gluck during his long term as a trustee of Cornell University. Andrew D. White, formerly president of the university, has publicly given Mr. Gluck much of the credit for the establishment of the system of scholarships whereby poor and meritorious students receive university aid for four years to the amount of \$250 a year. The report on the condition of the university made by Mr. Gluck at the end of his first year as trustee seemed entirely to dissipate the dissatisfaction that had prevailed extensively theretofore among the alumni. Mr. Gluck had also much to do in stimulating the establishment of the School of Philosophy at Cornell, which is now recognized as one of the most complete in the country. When President White retired, Mr. Gluck was prominently mentioned as his successor. This was justly regarded at the time as a striking tribute to the ability Mr. Gluck had displayed in all his relations with the institution.

While curator of the Buffalo Library, Mr. Gluck made and gave to that institution a costly collection of manuscripts, autograph letters of famous men, historical documents of value, and rare books. As president of the Grosvenor Library, he did much to increase the public usefulness of that institution. His tastes were strongly literary, his pen skillful and his methods thorough and scholarly. Much of the leisure of his later years had been devoted to a translation of the "thoughts" of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, which he had hoped to make, by reason of its accuracy, fullness of notes and collateral matter, the most acceptable presentation in English of the reflections of that great philosopher. This work, it is understood, Mr. Gluck had practically completed, but it was unpublished at the time of his death.

He was married June 15, 1880, to Effie D. Tyler, daughter of Prof. Charles M. Tyler of Cornell University. Mrs. Gluck and two children survive him.

II. Burial of Do-ne-ho-ga-wa.

(GEN. ELY S. PARKER.)

On January 20, 1897, under the auspices of the Buffalo Historical Society, the remains of Do-ne-ho-ga-wa were re-interred in the Red Jacket lot at Forest Lawn, Buffalo. This Seneca sachem and union soldier, better known, except to the Iroquois, as Gen. Ely S. Parker, died at Fairfield, Conn., August 30, 1895.



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DO-NE-HO-GA-WA. (GEN. ELY S. PARKER.)

He was a full-blooded Seneca, and it was deemed desirable and appropriate that his remains should lie alongside of those of Red Jacket and others of his own race. The Historical Society undertook the removal, with the full sanction of Mrs. Parker, because it was considered fitting that the dead soldier should rest in the

land formerly occupied by his people. Here, at the "Western Door" of the "Long House" of the Iroquois Federation, was the fitting place to set up a lasting memorial to one who was not only one of the ablest men of his race, but who won distinction as a soldier and an engineer.

Before narrating the incidents of the reinterment, a brief sketch of General Parker is appropriate.

Ely Samuel Parker was born on the Tonawanda Reservation in 1828. He was of pure Seneca descent by both parents, and was a chief of the Six Nations. He received a good education, became a civil engineer and settled at Galena, Ill. Here he met Grant, and later, during the Civil War, became a member of the General's staff. He was appointed assistant adjutant general with the rank of captain in May, 1863, and was afterward secretary to General Grant until the close of the War. In that capacity he was present at Lee's surrender, and made the first engrossed copy of the terms of capitulation. He was appointed first lieutenant of United States cavalry in 1866, resigning in 1869. He was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers on April 9, 1865, and captain, major, lieutenant colonel, colonel and brigadier general on March 2, 1867. He became Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1869, but retired in 1871 to devote himself to his profession, which he practiced with success for several years thereafter. His home was in New York City, but in the last years of his life he spent his summers at Fairfield, Conn., and there it was he died.

It has been current report that General Parker was the grandson of Red Jacket. The following explanation of the relationship is furnished by that excellent authority, Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse :

By Indian law, all clansmen were brothers. These were arranged in two divisions, viz: Of the Senecas there were eight clans — Wolf, Bear, Beaver, Turtle — these four were the "elder brothers" of the Deer, Snipe, Heron and Hawk clans. This distribution of brotherhood relationship was not ideal, but founded upon actual consanguinity. A Hawk could intermarry with Bear, Beaver or Turtle, but a Hawk could not marry a Hawk, and so clan by clan.

This clanship was one of the reasons of the strength of the allied Five Nations. Had there been a division in any one of the nations the clans would be "set against each other," or "brother taking brothers' blood," which by Iroquois law, would have been murder even in war. In fact, the whole Iroquois system rested on the tribal clans as an organic division, and the rights of these were jealously guarded, and even to this day the pitifully few who are left to observe this relationship, clan to clan "cling" together even in death. Therefore, it is worthy of notice that the request which was received from one of the Tonawanda Seneca chiefs, represents the sentiment of the old Indian law — that the great Do-ne-ho-ga-wa should go to his clan ancestor — the Sa-go-ye-wat-ha at Forest Lawn.

General Parker was not a blood relative of Red Jacket, but, by the clan relationship, his clan grandson. The inheritances of the Iroquois descended by the mother always. The mother of General Parker was a Wolf, and Red Jacket was a Wolf, and as they name each generation "grandfather," so it comes that General Parker was the Wolf grandson of Red Jacket.

When the chiefs attended the funeral of the Do-ne-ho-ga-wa, in 1895, at Fairfield, Conn., it was a sorrow to them that they had to leave him in "the land of the stranger" and the Pequods, who were the enemy of the Iroquois. It seemed a poetical justice that the remains of General Parker should be returned to his people, and that the death cry of the Wolf clan — faithful even in the hour of its passing away — should still be "the Do-ne-ho-ga-wa is returning to his people!"

The Do-ne-ho-ga-wa, the "Keeper of the Western Door," therefore, even in death, lies beside his watch-work — by the Western Door! At the organization of the Confederation of the Ho-do-nau-sau-nee, or League of the Iroquois, the "union chain" extended from Albany — the land of the Mohawks — (the "Eastern Door") to Buffalo — the "Western Door," the territory of the Senecas. The Do-ne-ho-ga-wa, by this reason, became one of the most significant of the Seneca sachem names of the Iroquois.

The burial presented several features of interest. Among the 50 persons or so who gathered at the New York Central station, on January 20th, to receive the remains, were three delegations: One from the Buffalo Historical Society, including President Andrew Langdon, Dr. Joseph C. Greene, Frank H. Severance, Charles J. North, Dr. J. H. Tilden and others; a second committee from the Loyal Legion, to which veteran organization Gen. Parker belonged, included Gen. James E. Curtiss, commander of the Buffalo Division, N. Y. Commandery; Col. James N. Granger, Col. C. E. Walbridge, Capt. Thomas H. Fearey, Capt. E. L. Coe, Maj. L. Marcus, and H. H. Marcus. Some of these gentlemen acted as bearers. The third and most interesting delegation was a party of Seneca Indians, of the Wolf and Snipe clans, from Tonawanda and Akron. Gen. Parker was of the Wolf clan. This party included the venerable sachem, Chauncey H. Abrams, also William Parker — a nephew of Gen. Parker — and wife, Sachem Thomas Poudry, wife and daughter, Sub-sachem Jacob Doctor and wife, Sub-sachem Howard Hatch, D. W. Shanks and wife, Charles Cloute, Benjamin Ground, Anderson Charles, Alfred Jameson, David Moses, Truman Shanks and Mr. Sky.

The body was in a lead case, which was contained in an oak casket, and this in turn, while being conveyed to Forest Lawn, was draped with a large American flag. At the cemetery brief services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, and the attending sachems and several other Senecas lowered the body of their famous kinsman into the grave.

The remains were accompanied to Buffalo by Mrs. Gen. Parker and her friend, Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse. After the burial these ladies received the officers of the Historical Society and a number of the Senecas at the Genesee Hotel. Here Sachem Abrams made an address in Seneca, thanking the officers of the Society for what they had done. The brief speech was delivered and translated a sentence at a time, after the ancient Indian custom, William Parker acting as interpreter. "The people of Do-ne-ho-ga-wa's (Gen. Parker's) own race," said Sachem Abrams, addressing President Langdon, "are grateful for

all that you have done to-day. It pleases us. We are much gratified to know that Do-ne-ho-ga-wa rests among his own people, and not in the land of strangers. We thank you." President Langdon made suitable reply, to be conveyed to all the Senecas, and extended to them a cordial invitation to visit the rooms of the Historical Society and see Red Jacket's tomahawk and other relics of their race.

It is proposed that the Society mark Gen. Parker's grave with a boulder from the fields, suitably inscribed.

Mr. C. W. Miller kindly furnished the necessary carriages without charge.

- Aldrich, Hon. George W., Albany: *Poor of 1896*, 1896.
 Alexander, Hon. D. S., Buffalo: 7 volumes.
 American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1 pamphlet.
 American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.: 1 volume.
 American Congregational Society, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, New York: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet.
 Andrews, Mrs. J. W., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Art Institute of Chicago: 4 pamphlets.
 Atkins, Barton, Buffalo: 1 framed picture.
 Atwell, Charles, Evanston, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
 Baker, George C., Canastota, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Barnes, Dr. Edwin B., Buffalo: 1 picture.
 Barton, Joseph A., Buffalo: 3 pictures.
 Bates & Gifford, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Beachamp, W. M., Baldwinsville, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Becker, Hon. Philip, Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Bigelow, Hon. John, Highland-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.: 4 volumes.
 Bird, Miss Grace, Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Birney, William, Washington, D. C.: 4 volumes.
 Bliss, Hon. Herbert P., Buffalo: 1 portrait.
 Bisby, J. W., Buffalo: *Our Church at Work for 1897*, *Our Sunday School at Work for 1897*.
 Blackman, Warren, Elmira, N. Y.: 2 pictures.
 Blake, Francis E., Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Black, Edward H., Buffalo: *Badge of Army and Navy Union*.
 Bleacher, Richard, Buffalo: 2 coins.
 Board of Mediation and Arbitration, Albany, N. Y.: 1 volume.
 Boston Book Company, Boston, Mass.: *Bulletin of Bibliography for 1897*.
 Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume.
 Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Brock, R. A., Richmond, Va.: 1 volume.
 Buffalo Lumbermen: *Model of Noetic Monument*.
 Buffalo Merchants' Exchange: 2 pamphlets.
 Buffalo Society of Natural Scientists: 2 pamphlets.
 Buffalo State Hospital: 1 pamphlet.

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Buffalo State Hospital : 1 pamphlet.

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 Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston, Mass.: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet.
 Burdette, Miss Emma L., Buffalo: 1 portrait.
 Bureau of American Republics, Washington, D. C.: *Bulletins* for 1897.
 Bureau of Engineering, Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Bureau of Foreign Commerce, Washington, D. C.: *Consular Reports* for 1897.
 Butler, E. H., Buffalo: *Evening News* for 1897.
 Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 2 pamphlets.
 Charity Organization Society, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
 Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Sciences, Jamestown, N. Y.: newspaper clipping.
 Chicago Academy of Sciences, Chicago, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
 Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.: 2 pamphlets.
 Cilley, J. P., Rockland, Me.: *Maine Bugle*.
 Cincinnati Society of Natural History, Cincinnati, Ohio: 2 pamphlets.
 Colby University, Waterville, Me.: 1 volume.
 Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume.
 Commissioners of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn.: 1 volume, 1 pamphlet.
 Conners, William J., Buffalo: *Courier-Record*, *Courier* and *Enquirer* for 1897.
 Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.: 14 pamphlets.
 Courier Company, Buffalo: *Buffalo Courier* for 1897, *Buffalo Directory*, 1897.
 Cousins, Rev. E. M., Gray, Me.: 2 pamphlets.
 Cowley, Charles, Lowell, Mass.: 1 pamphlet.
 Crawford, William J., Buffalo: Gavel made from wood of tree at Washington's birthplace.
 Cripola, Frank, Buffalo: 1 coin.
 Cruikshank, Maj. Ernest, Fort Erie, Ont.: 1 volume.
 Daniels, Hon. Charles, Buffalo: 24 volumes.
 Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Dougherty, Charles A., Buffalo: 1 picture.
 Davenport Society of Natural Sciences, Davenport, Iowa: 1 volume.
 Davis, Mrs. Emily S., Buffalo: 1 volume.
 Day, Robert Webster, Buffalo: portion of original MS. of Noah Webster's dictionary; 1 chart.
 DePeyster, J. Watts, Tivoli, N. Y.: 1 pamphlet.
 Dedham Historical Society, Dedham, Mass.: *Dedham Historical Register* for 1897.
 Denton, Robert, Buffalo: Autograph letters of Jenny Lind and Anna Bishop. box of seal wafers, 3 volumes.
 Department of Agriculture, Albany, N. Y.: 1 volume.
 Department of Health, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet, *Bulletins* for 1897.
 Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, P. Q.: 1 volume.
 Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.: 1 volume.

Detroit Museum of Art, Detroit, Mich.: 2 pamphlets.
 Dimock, Susan W., South Coventry, Conn.: 1 volume.
 Doctor, Mrs. Jacob, Akron, N. Y.: Piece of wampum.
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APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

APPROVED DEC. 10, 1896.

1. The Society shall consist of resident, corresponding and honorary members, and patrons who shall be elected by a majority of ballots of the Board of Managers at any meeting thereof; and of life members, as hereinafter provided. Resident members shall consist of persons residing in the city of Buffalo, or in Western New York; corresponding and honorary members, of persons residing elsewhere; patrons, of persons contributing \$2,500 to the building fund.

2. None but resident and life members shall be eligible to office or qualified to vote.

3. Resident members shall pay an admission fee of five dollars, and for each calendar year thereafter an annual due of five dollars, payable by or before the first day of April. The election of resident members shall confer no privilege of membership until after payment of the admission fee. Members neglecting to pay their annual dues before the first day of January next after the same become payable, shall thereby become ineligible for office until such time as the dues are paid. All members in arrears two or more years shall forfeit the right to vote at any of the meetings of the Society, and their membership may be terminated by the majority vote of the board of managers at any regular meeting. The President, with the consent of the Board of Managers or of the majority of the Committee on Membership, given in writing, may, upon the payment of a portion of the back dues of any member, remit the unpaid balance and restore the full privileges of such members.

4. The payment of one hundred dollars, at one time, for that purpose, shall constitute a life membership, exempt from all annual

dues. The Board of Managers may confer life membership upon any person for valuable services rendered, or donations made to the Society.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of January in each year. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or the Secretary may direct the call of a special meeting at any time as hereafter provided, or as provided by law.

6. Those members who shall attend at any meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. All vacancies in office may be filled, for the unexpired term, by the Board of Managers.

8. The meeting of this Society and of the Board of Managers shall be held at the rooms of the Society, or at such other place as the President may appoint, and such hour as shall be designated by the Secretary in the notice of the meeting.

9. Notice of every meeting of the Board of Managers shall be given to the members thereof personally, or by postal card sent to their respective post-office addresses.

10. Special meetings of the Society, other than those regulated by statute, may be called at any time by the Board of Managers upon notice, stating the time, place and object thereof, given by publication in a daily newspaper, published in the city of Buffalo, at least five days prior to such meeting.

11. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, regulate its proceedings, preserve order and decorum, and have a casting vote. He shall also be the chairman of the Board of Managers.

12. The Vice-President shall discharge all the duties of the President in case of his absence.

13. The Secretary shall have the custody of the By-Laws and records of the Society. He shall be the secretary of the Board of Managers, and keep a record of its proceedings and of the meetings of the Society, and shall have the custody of all letters and communications on the business of the Society, and shall read to the Board of Managers all communications received by him as such secretary. He shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers,

prepare all communications to be addressed to others in the name of the Society, and keep true copies of the same.

14. The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall have the custody of the library and cabinet, including all manuscripts, papers, documents, coins and maps, and shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, provide cases suitable for their preservation, and for convenient reference and inspection. He shall keep a record of all donations and report the same from time to time to the Board of Managers.

15. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all securities and sums of money due and payable or belonging to the Society. He shall keep the funds of the Society on deposit to its credit in some safe institution or institutions, to be approved by the Board of Managers, to be disbursed or paid out only as they shall direct, on the written order or warrant of the president. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and render an annual statement thereof, and oftener if called upon by the Society or the Board of Managers. He may be required to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and form as the Board of Managers shall direct.

16. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society.

They shall make annually, on the second Tuesday of January, a report to the Society of its acquisitions and transactions for the preceding year.

17. All books, maps, manuscripts, and other articles belonging to the Society shall be plainly marked with the name of the Society, and numbered, and entered in a catalogue arranged for convenient reference.

18. No books or other property of the Society shall be loaned or taken from the rooms except on the written order of the President, or, in case of his absence from the city or incapacity to act, on the written order of the Vice-President.

19. Any of these By-Laws may be suspended in case of a temporary exigency, by the Board of Managers. They may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members

present at a meeting of the Society, provided notice of the proposed amendment be given at least two weeks previous to a final vote thereon.

20. At a meeting of the Society, and (so far as may be applicable) at the meetings of the Board of Managers, the following shall be the order of business :

- I. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
- II. Reports of communications from the officers of the Society.
- III. Reports from Committees.
- IV. Election of Members.
- V. Miscellaneous business.

21. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers the President shall appoint from the Board of Managers the following Standing Committees, to consist of four members each, viz :

- I. On Finance.
- II. On the Library.
- III. On Buildings.
- IV. On Donations, Subscriptions and Collections.
- V. On Publications.
- VI. On Membership.
- VII. On Lectures and Receptions.

The President shall also be ex-officio a member of each of such committees.

22. The Board of Managers shall hold a meeting on the Thursday next after each annual election at 4 P. M. for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

23. The President shall be, ex-officio, Chairman of the Committee on Finance ; and it shall be the duty of such Committee to take the general charge and supervision of the books, accounts and reports of the Treasurer, and of the finances, receipts and expenditures of the Society. It shall also be its duty to consider and recommend all suitable measures to increase the revenues of the Society, and promote economy in its expenditures. It shall examine and report upon all accounts and claims against the Society, and upon all propositions for the appropriation or expenditure of its funds, when such propositions have not been reported upon, or made, by some other Committee of the Board.

24. The Committee on the Library shall have the general charge and supervision of the Library, and of all propositions and measures in regard to its increase, use and management; or in regard to the procurement, exchange or other disposition of books, periodicals and pamphlets, or their binding. They shall cause a full and perfect catalogue of the books, periodicals and pamphlets belonging to the same to be made, and, from time to time, corrected, continued and kept, in order to facilitate reference thereto, and secure proper accountability therefor, and they also shall have the general charge and supervision of all the papers and other property of the Society which shall not be catalogued as a part of its Library. It shall be their duty to cause a full and perfect list or inventory of the same to be made, continued and kept; and to propose to the Board, and carry into execution (after the approval of the Board of Managers has been obtained) such measures as may be deemed expedient for the classification, arrangement, care, preservation and security of such papers, or for obtaining papers or articles of historical or local interest for preservation by the Society.

25. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Buildings to procure a site and the funds for the erection of a suitable building for the uses of the Society.

26. The Committee on Donations, Subscriptions and Collections shall have the general supervision and charge of procuring donations to the Society, and subscriptions to its funds, or for any special object; and it shall be its duty to propose proper measures for procuring donations and subscriptions, and for the prompt collection thereof.

27. The Committee on Publications shall have the charge and supervision of all publications made by the direction of the Board of Managers, and shall carefully examine all papers and other things directed to be published.

28. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership to consider and report upon all questions relating to Membership, which may be referred for that purpose, and in so far as practicable to increase the membership of the Society.

29. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers, the President shall appoint the following Committees, each to consist of five members of the Society, not Managers, viz :

- I. On the Increase of the Library.
- II. On the Increase of Members.
- III. On Donations and Subscriptions.
- IV. On Statistics.
- V. On Portraits, Pictures and Photographs.
- VI. On Local History.
- VII. On Indian Reminiscences, Memorial's and History.

30. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Increase of the Library to procure donations of books and pamphlets ; to endeavor, by other means, to increase the Library ; and to propose to the Board of Managers such measures for its increase as may be deemed expedient ; of the Committee on the Increase of Members, to take all proper measures to increase the number of life and resident members ; of the Committee on Donations and Subscriptions, to endeavor to increase the funds and property of the Society, by donations and legacies, and otherwise ; of the Committee on Statistics, to collect, arrange, and put in suitable form for preservation and use, the statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the city of Buffalo and the lakes and of those portions of the West which are intimately connected with the business of Buffalo ; of the Committee on Portraits, Pictures and Photographs, to obtain donations of portraits, pictures and photographs, and especially of portraits, in oil, of early settlers and other citizens ; of the Committee on Local History, to procure, digest, arrange and put in order for preservation and use materials for a history of the city of Buffalo, and of Western New York ; and of the Committee on Indian Reminiscences, Memorials and History, to discover, collect and arrange in suitable form for preservation and use, whatever they can obtain relating to the habits, peculiarities, possessions, and history of the Indian nations and tribes, now or formerly occupying portions of this State.

31. All reports of Standing Committees shall be in writing, but they may report by resolution if they shall deem it expedient.

32. The Constitutions and By-Laws of the Society heretofore existing are hereby abrogated.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

To the Friends of the Buffalo Historical Society :

The following forms are suggested to any friend of the Society who may have in mind the generous thought of increasing its very limited endowment by gift or bequest :

No. 1. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the city of Buffalo, New York, the sum of.....dollars towards the Building Fund of the Society.

No. 2. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the city of Buffalo, New York, the sum of.....dollars, which sum I desire that the said Society shall preserve by proper investment as a perpetual fund, to be known as The.....Fund, the yearly income thereof, and no more, to be expended annually in the publication of its papers, purchase of books, periodicals, prints, maps or other works, to increase or improve its library.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum ofdollars.

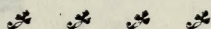
No. 4. FORM OF DEVISE.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and to its successors and assigns forever,

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Buffalo, N.Y., July 26, 1906.

Mr. J. V. Cheney, Librarian,

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Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 24th inst., I beg to state that the Proceedings of the Buffalo Historical Society from 1899 to 1902 were not published. The pamphlet of 1898 is the last of the pamphlet series of our Proceedings. Beginning with 1903, the

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proceedings are included in the annual volume of publications, appearing each year as an appendix. This latter plan will be continued, so that we send out but one series of books, entitled "Publications," and including as an appendix the Proceedings of the Society.

Very truly yours,

Frank K. Levermore

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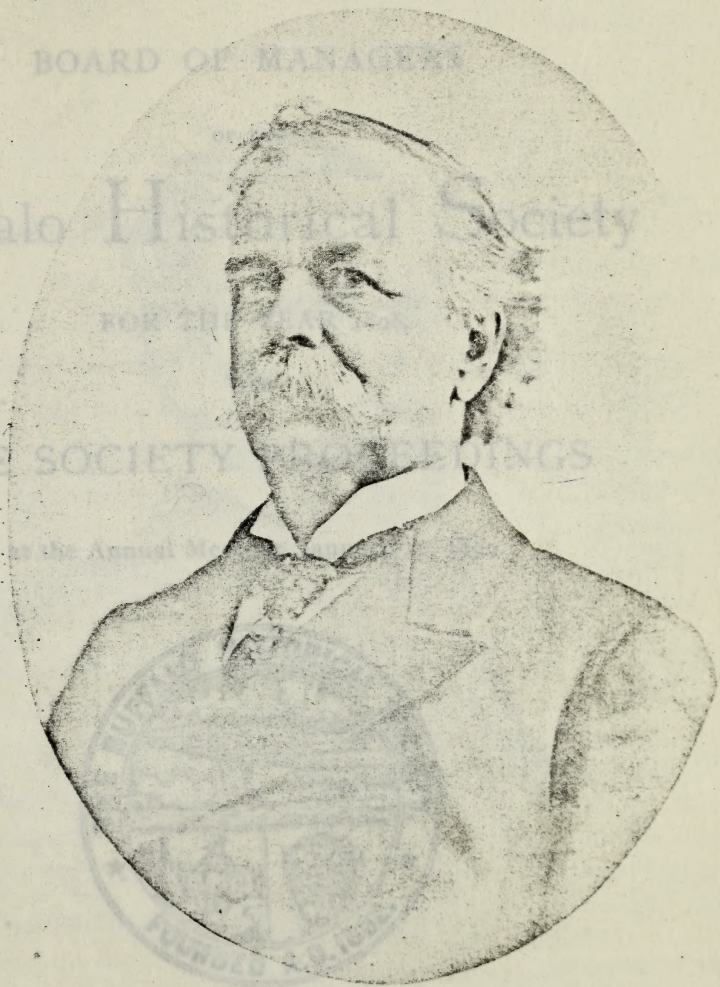
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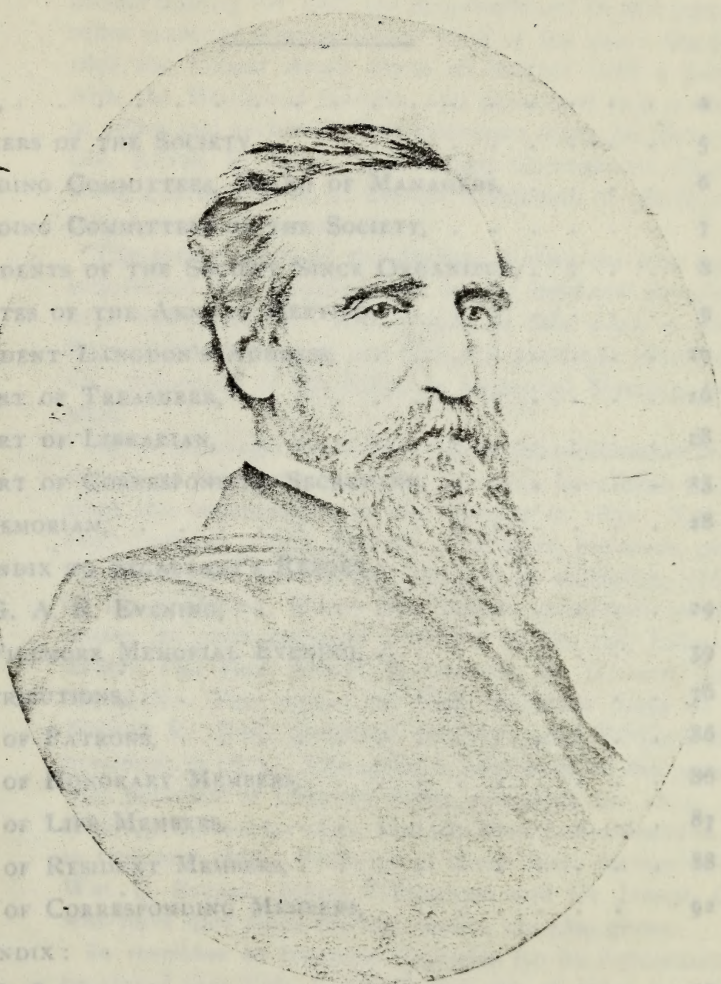
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SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1873.

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NOTE.

The regular annual reports of the officers of the Buffalo Historical Society for 1898 are supplemented in this pamphlet with other material relating to the work of the year. On January 26, 1898, the Grand Army Posts of Buffalo held a joint meeting with the Historical Society, and presented to it a valuable case of relics and archives. The addresses made on that occasion by Col. Alfred D. Shaw, Department Commander, State of New York, and by Col. C. D. Zacher, Chairman of the G. A. R. Committee, are here presented.

The special work of the Society during the year included the acquisition and improvement of the Soldiers' Burying Ground near Williamsville. An account of this work is given in the Secretary's Report, as are also the principal addresses, letters, etc., presented at the Fillmore Memorial Meeting, January 10, 1899.

Three years ago the Society began the publication in its annual reports of the portraits of the men who have been its presidents since the organization of the Society in 1862. The report for 1895 contains a fine portrait of Millard Fillmore, president of the Society for the first five years of its existence, 1862-67; and of his successor, Henry W. Rogers, president in 1868. The report for 1896 contains portraits of the two following presidents: The Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., and Orsamus H. Marshall. The report for 1897 contains those of the Hon. Nathan K. Hall, president for 1871, and William H. Greene, president in 1872. The series is continued in the present report with portraits of Orlando Allen, president for 1873; Oliver G. Steele, president for 1874; and the Hon. James Sheldon, president in 1875 and 1886. Portraits of three other former presidents—Wm. C. Bryant, James Tillinghast and Dr. Joseph C. Greene, who have died since the last report, are also given.

In response to frequent inquiries for its Publications, it may be stated that Vols. I. and II. are out of print, and the Society cannot undertake to supply them. Vol. III., the Red Jacket "Transactions," can be supplied by the Society at 25 cents a copy. Application for Vol. IV. of the Publications, issued in 1896, should be made to the publishers, the Peter Paul Book Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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S. BISSELL.

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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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BUILDING.—J. N. ADAM, *Chairman*; Hon. JAMES M. SMITH, JAMES SWEENEY, CHARLES W. GOODYEAR, GEO. B. MATHEWS.

LIBRARY.—J. N. LARNED, *Chairman*; GEORGE W. TOWNSEND, J. N. ADAM, LEWIS J. BENNETT.

DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COLLECTIONS.—CYRUS K. REMINGTON, *Chairman*; HENRY A. RICHMOND, Dr. A. H. BRIGGS, LEWIS J. BENNETT.

PUBLICATIONS.—FRANK H. SEVERANCE, *Chairman*; J. N. LARNED, JAMES SWEENEY, GEORGE W. TOWNSEND.

MEMBERSHIP.—GEORGE S. HAZARD, *Chairman*; GEO. B. MATHEWS, CYRUS K. REMINGTON, Dr. A. H. BRIGGS

LECTURES AND RECEPTIONS.—FRANK H. SEVERANCE, *Chairman*; GEORGE ALFRED STRINGER, C. W. GOODYEAR, J. N. LARNED.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE SOCIETY.

INCREASE OF LIBRARY.—R. B. ADAM, *Chairman*; T. GUILFORD SMITH, J. JOSEPH ALBRIGHT, HON. SHERMAN S. ROGERS, WILLIAM C. WARREN.

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.—ROBERT KEATING, *Chairman*; MRS. ESTHER C. DAVENPORT, GEORGE H. DUNSTON, MISS NELLA R. BENEDICT, GIBSON T. WILLIAMS.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.—JOHN J. MCWILLIAMS, *Chairman*; GEORGE V. FORMAN, GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, GEORGE R. HOWARD, WM. A. KING.

STATISTICS.—CHARLES R. WILSON, *Chairman*; MARK S. HUBBELL, PORTER NORTON, R. R. HEFFORD, MARTIN CLARK.

PORTRAITS, PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS.—W. C. CORNWELL, *Chairman*; PHILIP S. SMITH, WILLIS O. CHAPIN, DR. LUCIEN HOWE, C. M. UNDERHILL.

LOCAL HISTORY.—Gen. JOHN C. GRAVES, *Chairman*; J. H. TILDEN, MISS GRACE C. SHELDON, RICHMOND C. HILL, HENRY P. EMERSON.

INDIAN MEMORIALS.—GEORGE D. EMERSON, *Chairman*; HON. DAVID F. DAY, REV. THOMAS DONOHUE, D. D., W. H. GARDNER, PROF. HORACE BRIGGS.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

*MILLARD FILLMORE,	1862 to 1867
*HENRY W. ROGERS,	1868
*Rev. ALBERT T. CHESTER, D. D.,	1869
*ORSAMUS H. MARSHALL.	1870
*Hon. NATHAN K. HALL,	1871
*WILLIAM H. GREENE,	1872
*ORLANDO ALLEN,	1873
*OLIVER G. STEELE,	1874
*Hon. JAMES SHELDON,	1875 and 1886
*WILLIAM C. BRYANT,	1876
*Capt. E. P. DORR,	1877
Hon. WILLIAM P. LETCHWORTH,	1878
WILLIAM H. H. NEWMAN,	1879 and 1885
Hon. ELIAS S. HAWLEY,	1880
Hon. JAMES M. SMITH,	1881
*WILLIAM HODGE,	1882
*WILLIAM DANA FOBES,	1883 and 1884
*EMMOR HAINES,	1887
*JAMES TILLINGHAST,	1888
*WILLIAM K. ALLEN,	1889
GEORGE S. HAZARD,	1890 and 1892
*JOSEPH C. GREENE, M. D.,	1891
*JULIUS H. DAWES,	1893
ANDREW LANGDON,	1894 to 1899

* Deceased.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME

1894 to 1897	Andrew Langdon
1891	Julius H. Dawes
1890 and 1892	George S. Hazard
1889	William K. Allen
1888	James Tillinchest
1887	Emor Haines
1885 and 1887	William Dana Forbes
1883	William Hodge
1881	Hon. James M. Smith
1880	Hon. Elias S. Hawley
1879 and 1882	William H. H. Newman
1878	Hon. William P. Letchworth
1877	Capl. E. P. Dorr
1876	William C. Bryant
1875 and 1886	Hon. James Sheldon
1874	Oliver G. Steele
1873	Orlando Allen
1872	William H. Greene
1871	Hon. Nathan K. Hall
1870	Orasmus H. Marshall
1869	Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D.
1868	Henry W. Rogers
1867 to 1869	Millard Fillmore

* Deceased.

Thirty-Seventh Annual Report

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held on Monday evening, January 10, 1899, in the hall of the Society. President Andrew Langdon presided and to order the meeting. The assistant secretary read the minutes of the thirty-sixth annual meeting, on motion, approved. The report of the Board of Managers was read by the secretary, Frank H. Governors. Charles J. North, read the annual financial report. Received and filed. The Librarian's report was read by Miss E. M. Edwards. Approved.

On motion of Hon. Henry W. Hill, a committee of three members of the Board of Managers and two members of the Society was named by the chair to nominate five members to serve as associates for a term of four years, ending January 1, 1900. President Langdon named Hon. Henry W. Hill, Dr. Albert H. Briggs, Charles J. North, and Robert W. Day.

OLIVER G. STEELE.

EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1874.

Thirty-Seventh Annual Report

OF THE

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society was held on Tuesday evening, January 10, 1899, in the assembly-room of the Society. President Andrew Langdon called the meeting to order.

The assistant secretary read the minutes of the thirty-sixth annual meeting; on motion, approved.

The report of the Board of Managers was given by the secretary, Frank H. Severance. The treasurer, Charles J. North, read the annual financial report. Received and filed. The librarian's report was read by Miss Ella M. Edwards. Approved.

On motion of Hon. Henry W. Hill, a committee of three members of the Board of Managers and two members of the Society was named by the chair to nominate five members to serve as councillors for a term of four years, ending January, 1903. President Langdon named Hon. Henry W. Hill, chairman; Dr. Albert H. Briggs, Charles J. North, Dr. A. A. Hubbell, Robert W. Day.

George A. Stringer moved that 2,000 copies of the annual report be printed, to contain the reports and transactions of the year and the addresses of the evening. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Hill reported for the committee on nominations, naming Andrew Langdon, Frank H. Severance, George A. Stringer, George S. Hazard, James Sweeney. On motion of Mr. Hill the assistant secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the above-named candidates, and they were thereupon declared duly elected.

On motion of Hon. James O. Putnam, adjourned.

PRESIDENT LANGDON'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Buffalo Historical Society :

The Buffalo Historical Society bids you welcome. We thank you for climbing our long stairs—they can not be called golden. If when the exercises are over you feel that you have been repaid for your efforts by any enjoyment, thanks will be due to our friends who have so graciously contributed to our pleasure in setting before you this evening of anecdote and reminiscence in memory of our first president, Millard Fillmore.

We meet again to-night under the same roof that has covered our many and most valuable collections for nearly fifteen years ; each year has added to our store

of treasure and to our field of usefulness, yet we will not rest; we shall relax no effort to establish for this Society a home that shall be more suited to its work and more accessible to its many friends. We are doing all that is possible with the limited means at our command; we want to enlarge our work on historical, genealogical and educational lines. Our museum is large and is constantly growing, but this branch of the work ought to be but secondary in importance; our attention to matters of historical research ought to be far greater; we ought to do more in the line of publication, for which work we have a veritable mine of most excellent material.

Fellow-citizens, will you not give tangible evidence of your interest and help place this institution in the very foremost rank, its rightful place of honor? Yours will be an hundred-fold reward.

The reports of the secretary, the librarian and the treasurer tell of the good progress of the year; their stories fall in pleasing accents and must be gratifying to all friends of the society.

In the first Directory ever issued in the City of Buffalo, dated 1828, a copy of which lies upon the table before you, under the head of "Aurora," appears the name "Milard Filmore," both given and surnames misspelled. For nearly half a century that name continued, year after year, as that of a resident of Buffalo. Millard Fillmore came to Buffalo light of purse, but with a right goodly stock of brains. He came a lad, a

student and teacher; he died full of years, having attained the highest place in the ambition of man. His political career is known to the world, approved by many, by many severely criticised. We have gathered to-night not wholly to review his public life, but principally as friends and neighbors to recall some reminiscences and incidents of his life as a private citizen.

Mr. Fillmore was a member of the Maryland Historical Society, which society has kindly sent us a photograph of the cast in its possession made from the marble bust by Bartholomew, in Florence, in the year 1856. The original we have been unable to find. He was also an honorary vice-president of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society for many years. His membership in these two societies may have been an inspiration, one of many, perhaps, that led to the organization of the Buffalo Historical Society in 1862, an incident in connection with which will be given by our secretary.

We celebrate to-night our thirty-seventh anniversary. Mr. Fillmore was one of this Society's promoters, and its first president. It seems a graceful duty, as well as a pleasure, on our part to commemorate his memory to-night. His contemporaries are nearly all gone. We have attempted to crystallize some kindly and historic memories of him as a last tribute to one who was respected, regardless of political differences, by all who were favored in knowing him—a few more days and all his acquaintances will be gone from us.

For want of time, we shall not be able to read all

that his friends have sent us, but we will give you a few excerpts. The letters will be published in the annual report of the Society. It is a matter for regret that by Mr. Fillmore's own direction all of his correspondence was destroyed by his son, Powers. Doubtless many of these letters had reference to the great political questions of the day, and would have thrown important light upon them.

Mr. Fillmore's domestic life was deeply shadowed: the death of his first wife at Willard's Hotel, just after leaving the White House, was an awful blow to a most devoted husband. The death of his wife was followed quickly by the sudden, tragic death of his only daughter, Mary Abigail, a young lady of rare accomplishments, whose beauty of person is reflected by the pastel portrait and the exquisite daguerreotype we are enabled to show you to-night, by the kindness of companions of her youth.* In passing, a word of her last illness may be of interest. With her close friend, Miss Scott, now Mrs. Lars G. Sellstedt, she had taken a lesson in German, and about two o'clock in the afternoon left her father's home on Franklin street to go to Aurora to help her grandparents about settling in the new home which her father had built for them in that village. Mr. Fillmore protested about her going by stage and told her to have her brother Powers drive out with her in the carriage. This she did not want to do because there would be no place in the new home where Powers could sleep. On that evening she was stricken with the dread disease of

* Owned by Mrs. S. S. Jewett, and loaned to the Society for this occasion.

cholera; her father and her brother were summoned, but before they could reach her she became unconscious, and at eleven o'clock on the next morning she died. Miss Fillmore was an accomplished musician, playing skillfully both the piano and the harp; she was educated at the Normal School, and taught in one of the public schools after she was graduated.

Mr. Fillmore was married twice; he was survived by his widow and his son, Powers. We are fortunate in having portraits of Mr. Fillmore, of his wife, his son and daughter, and of his father, Nathaniel Fillmore, for your inspection to-night; we have also two busts, one by Mr. Hart and one by Mr. Selkirk, which have been loaned to the Society by the Buffalo Library and the Fine Arts Academy. We show you fine portraits of the three members of the firm of Fillmore, Hall & Haven, whose standing as the foremost firm of lawyers was of wide reputation. As in life these men walked together, so in death their remains lie side by side in our sacred City of the Dead.

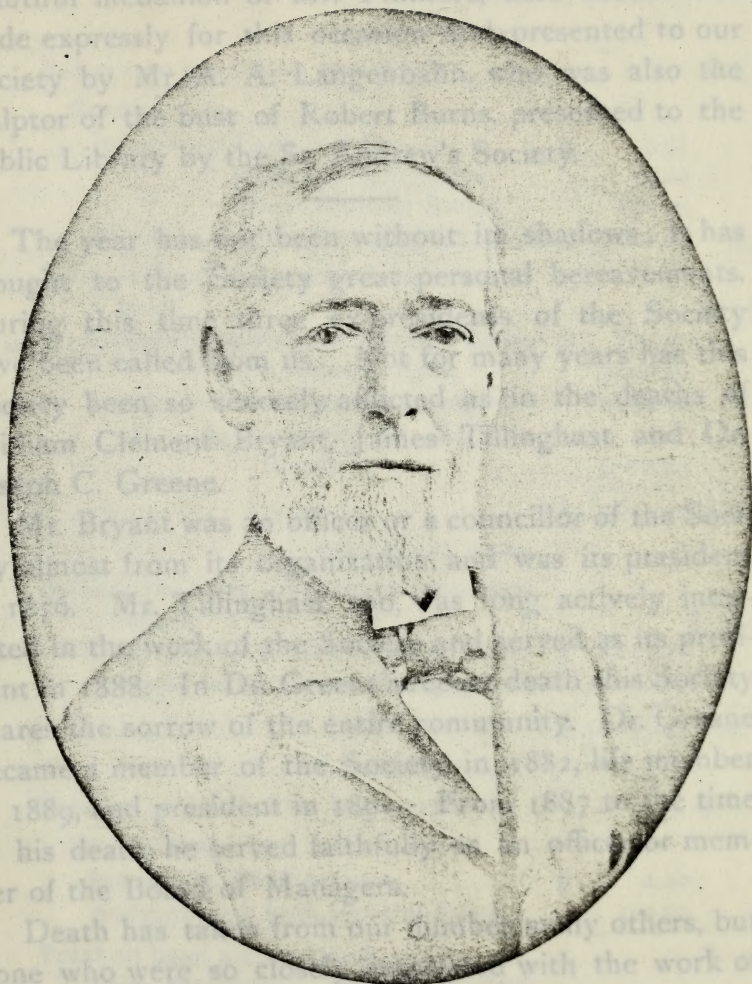
This beautiful desk which stands before me was formerly owned and used by Mr. Fillmore at his home on Niagara Square. We have learned from Michael Solomon, of this city, that he made for the late Abner Cutler the chair of white oak used by Mr. Fillmore in Washington while he was President. The upholstering of this chair was beautifully embroidered, the work of Mrs. Fillmore. The relics on exhibition in part are the property of this Society and in part have been loaned by the friends of the Fillmore family for this occasion.

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To these friends our grateful thanks are due. The beautiful medallion of Mr. Fillmore, here shown, was made expressly for our occasion. It was presented to our Society by Mr. A. Langensbach, who was also the sculptor of the bust of Robert Burns presented to the Public Library by the Society.



WILLIAM CLEMENT BRYANT,

TENTH PRESIDENT OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1876.

[For the Fillmore memorial exercises that followed, see page 39.]

To these friends our grateful thanks are due. The beautiful medallion of Mr. Fillmore, here shown, was made expressly for this occasion and presented to our Society by Mr. A. A. Langenbahn, who was also the sculptor of the bust of Robert Burns, presented to the Public Library by the St. Andrew's Society.

The year has not been without its shadows; it has brought to the Society great personal bereavements. During this time three ex-presidents of the Society have been called from us. Not for many years has this Society been so severely afflicted as in the deaths of William Clement Bryant, James Tillinghast and Dr. Joseph C. Greene.

Mr. Bryant was an officer or a councillor of the Society almost from its organization, and was its president in 1876. Mr. Tillinghast, too, was long actively interested in the work of the Society and served as its president in 1888. In Dr. Greene's recent death this Society shares the sorrow of the entire community. Dr. Greene became a member of the Society in 1882, life member in 1889, and president in 1891. From 1887 to the time of his death he served faithfully as an officer or member of the Board of Managers.

Death has taken from our number many others, but none who were so closely associated with the work of the Society during past years.

[For the Fillmore memorial exercises that followed, see page 39.]

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 10, 1899.

BUILDING FUND.

Balance on hand from last report, \$ 6,343.32

Received since.

Interest on Bank balances, \$ 4.95

" " Bond and Mortgages, 75.00

" " Street Railway Bonds, 250.00

Bequest, late Mrs. Clementine L. Fobes, 3,000.00 3,329.95

Total on hand and received and now on
hand, \$ 9,673.27

Cash in Empire State Savings Bank, \$ 173.27

" " Ellicott Square Bank, 3,000.00

Invested in Bonds and Mortgages, 1,500.00

" " Crosstown St. Railway

Bonds, 5,000.00

\$ 9,673.27 \$ 9,673.27

PERMANENT FUND.

Balance on hand, unchanged since last
report, \$ 36,173.43

Cash in Empire State Savings Bank, \$ 2,173.43

Invested in Bonds and Mortgages, 34,000.00

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LIBRARY FUND.

Balance on hand from last report, \$ 22.76

Received since.

Interest on Bank balance, \$ 1.40

Appropriated from General Fund, 200.00 201.40

Total on hand and received, \$ 224.16

Paid for Books, Periodicals and

Binding, 194.55

Balance on hand, \$ 29.61

Cash in Empire State Savings Bank, \$ 29.61

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GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand from last report, \$ 2,003.08

Received since.

Interest from invested funds,	\$ 1,387.57	
Annual membership dues,	985 00	
Maintenance of "Dr. Lord" Library,	500.00	
Advances to Library Fund repaid,	43.80	
Sale of Society's publications,	50	
Private donation for Red Jacket medal,	100.00	3,016.87

Total on hand and received, \$ 5,019 95

Disbursed.

Salaries of Employees,	\$ 1,964.26	
General Expenses,	309.78	
Petty Expenditures of Secretary,	235.73	
Printing Library Fund Appropriation,	200.00	
" Annual Report, 1897,	174.35	
" Red Jacket Medal,	100.00	
Old Garrison Burying Ground,	204 58	3,188.70

Balance on hand, \$ 1,831.25

Cash in Empire State Savings Bank, \$ 1,823.75

 " " hands of Secretary, 7.50

\$ 1,831.25 \$ 1,831.25

Note: Overdue interest belonging to General Fund:

George J. Metzger, \$1,260.00

N. Vosseller, loan, 60.00

Cash now on hand, 1,831.25

Shows total amount available in General Fund, . . \$3,151.25

TRIAL BALANCE.

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Bond and Mortgage acc't, Perm't Fund,	\$ 34,000.00	
" " " " Build'g "	1,500.00	
" acc't, " "	5,000.00	
Ellicott Square Bank, " "	3,000.00	
Empire State Savings Bank, " "	173.27	
" " " " Perm't "	2,173.43	
" " " " Library "	29.61	
" " " " General "	1,823.75	
Cash in hands of secretary,	7.50	
Library Fund,		\$ 29.61
General "		1,831.25
Building "		9,673.27
Perm't "		36,173.43
	\$47,707.56	\$47,707.56

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. J. NORTH,

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1899.

Treasurer.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Mr. President, Members of the Buffalo Historical Society:

I have the honor to present my first annual report as librarian of this Society.

Immediately upon my election to this office in February last, I carefully considered, with the advice and assistance of the library committee, the use and scope of our own library and of the other libraries of the city,

in order to determine what our field properly is, and how we may best expend our energies. We then decided to devote all our resources to building up our library along the three following lines:

First. Buffalo history, including the history of the Seneca nation.

Second. General United States history, particularly in pamphlet form.

Third. General local history and genealogy.

The first of these divisions is the one which costs the least in money, but demands the greatest expenditure of time, and the most unwearied vigilance and persistence. By advertising, correspondence, and personal solicitation, I have endeavored to convince the public that we wish *all* publications of local institutions and societies, including parish papers, club year-books, calendars of literary societies, and programs of entertainments. How shall the historian of 1999 write of the social, religious, and literary life of Buffalo in 1899, if not from the records preserved in the archives of the Historical Society? While much has been accomplished in this direction, much yet remains to be done, and the active co-operation of every member of the Society is earnestly solicited.

Our books on general local history and genealogy are in constant use, and we cannot too deeply deplore the fact that our means have heretofore been too limited to enable us to meet with any adequateness the public demand. Our collection in this line is already quite as

good as any in the city, and the expenditure of a comparatively small sum annually would make our rooms the Mecca of the Buffalo genealogist.

Our library is freely open to the public, and every facility is afforded the student, who, as a matter of fact, is usually *not* a member of the society. Considering this, it would seem not unreasonable to ask that the city recognize in some substantial way our place as a public reference library.

In February last was inaugurated a work which, so far as I can learn, is without a parallel among historical societies. It occurred to me that the innumerable children who visit our rooms would derive much more instruction and entertainment from their visits, if guided in their observations. This idea resolved itself into a plan for Saturday talks to children, illustrated by curios and relics from our museum. These talks, chiefly on subjects connected with our local history, were continued, until warm weather provided the small boy with subjects of more absorbing interest out of doors. This year it was decided to make these talks supplementary to the history work of the public schools, and, with the co-operation of the Superintendent of Education, the work will be continued on that line.

The Historical Society was this year represented for the first time at the annual meeting of the American Library Association. The value of these meetings, both to the librarian and to the library, cannot be overestimated, and it is hoped that the Society may see the im-

portance of making such representation a permanent arrangement.

The Society has won the gratitude of the library workers of Buffalo and vicinity, and so, indirectly, of the public whom they serve, by the support and encouragement it has given to the Library Club of Buffalo. It was here that the club originated, and here all its meetings have been held.

Work on the catalogue of the Library has been continued during the year. The Fillmore library, not heretofore included, is now being catalogued, and an index on slips has been made of a large part of the photographs in our possession. Newspaper clippings of local historical interest are systematically mounted and arranged, and our collection of "Buffalo biography," so formed, is already very interesting.

The accessions to the library during the year, by donation, purchase, and exchange, have aggregated 454 volumes, and 1,536 pamphlets. This number is very much in excess of former years, and brings the total number of volumes actually in the library up to 9,687; of pamphlets, we have about 14,000. A complete list of donors, and of Buffalo periodicals regularly received, will be furnished for publication in the annual report of the Society.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the fact that the library, like every other department of our institution, is sadly inconvenienced by our cramped and ill-arranged quarters. Those students, whose youth

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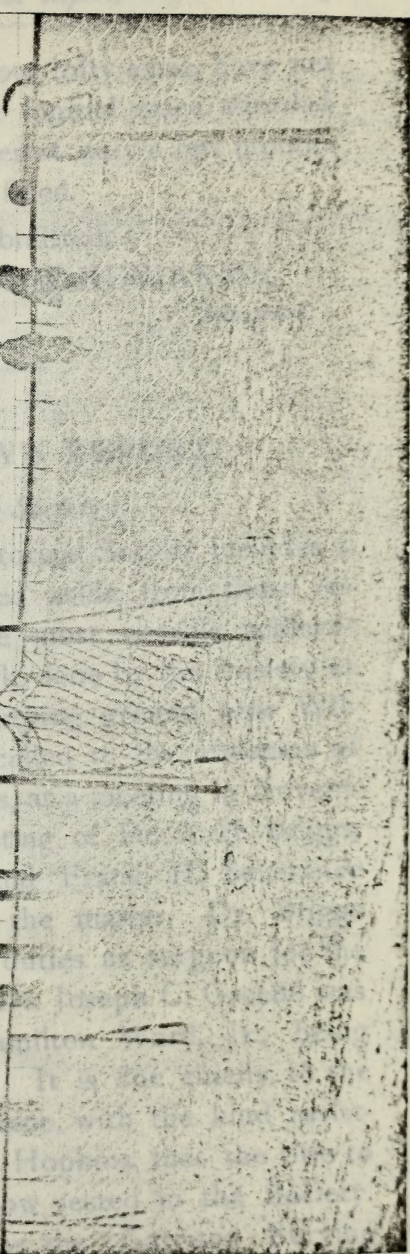
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and vigor enable them to reach our lofty eyrie, have too just cause for complaint in the limited space afforded them for work; and it is a matter of only a few months when all our shelf-room will be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA M. EDWARDS,

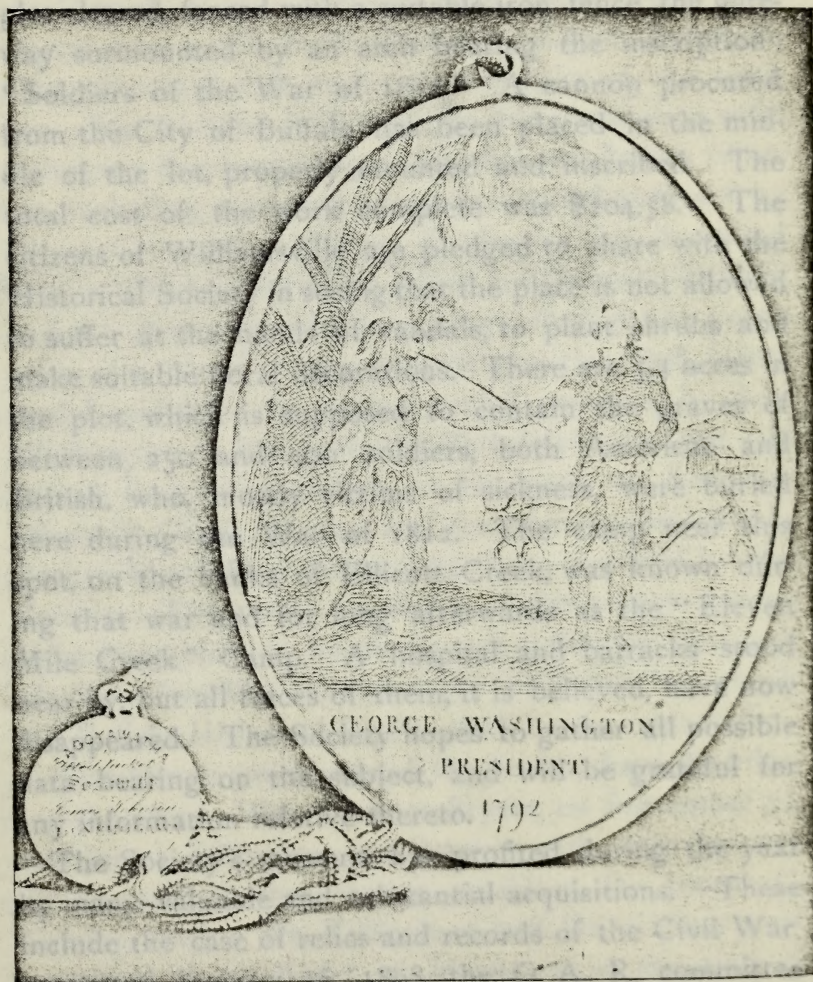
Librarian.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President, Members of the Society:

The year's work of the Historical Society includes a number of things accomplished aside from those reported by other officers. The most notable achievement of the year was the work done by the Society at the long-neglected soldiers' burying ground near Williamsville. The matter was called to the attention of the Board by Dr. A. H. Briggs, at a meeting in November, '97. A committee consisting of Dr. A. H. Briggs, chairman, James Sweeney and Frank H. Severance was appointed to look after the matter. Dr. Briggs was soon called away by his duties as surgeon for the 65th Regt., N. Y. Vols., and Dr. Joseph C. Greene was made vice-chairman, Mr. Hamilton Ward, Jr., being also added to the committee. It is due chiefly to the zeal and devotion of Dr. Greene, with the kind assistance of the Hon. Nelson K. Hopkins, that the title to the ground in question is now vested in the Society. A map of the plot known as the "Garrison Burying

Ground" was supplied by Mr. Hopkins, and a copy of the deed showing a transfer of title from John Haskell and wife to John Bliss and John R. Evans, recorded



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RED JACKET MEDAL, IN BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM.

September 11, 1851. Title to this ground was transferred by the heirs to the Buffalo Historical Society, July 23, 1898. The committee in charge have had the plot cleared, fenced with a suitable iron fence, the gateway surmounted by an arch bearing the inscription: "Soldiers of the War of 1812." A cannon procured from the City of Buffalo has been placed in the middle of the lot, properly mounted and inscribed. The total cost of the work complete was \$204.58. The citizens of Williamsville are pledged to share with the Historical Society in seeing that the place is not allowed to suffer at the hands of vandals, to plant shrubs and make suitable floral decorations. There are 5.4 acres in the plot, which is supposed to contain the graves of between 250 and 400 soldiers, both American and British, who, mostly victims of sickness, were buried here during the War of 1812. The camp near this spot, on the banks of Ellicott Creek, was known during that war and for long afterwards as the "Eleven Mile Creek" Camp. A hospital and barracks stood near by, but all traces of them, it is believed, have now disappeared. The Society hopes to gather all possible data bearing on the subject, and will be grateful for any information relative thereto.

The Society's museum has profited during the year by many valuable and substantial acquisitions. These include the case of relics and records of the Civil War, presented January 26, 1898, the G. A. R. committee having the matter in charge consisting of Col. Chas. D. Zacher, Maj. C. D. R. Stowits, Alfred Lyth, James W.

Chatman, Dr. John Dambach and Joseph E. Ewell. A number of relics of the War of 1812 were given by Charles A. Buehl. Many relics of the Spanish-American War of '98 were received from John Wynns, chief master-at-arms, U. S. S. Franklin. Lieut. Byron B. Daggett contributed numerous souvenirs of the same war. Mr. Richard Bullymore, Jr., has given us a solid mahogany case containing ancient firearms, Indian relics, etc., including a pestle and mortar owned and used by Oliver Cromwell. William G. Justice has deposited here a telescope formerly owned by Harman Blennerhasset. A most notable acquisition, through the generosity of a friend of the Society, was the Red Jacket medal, said to be the original medal presented by Gen. Washington to Red Jacket in Philadelphia in 1792. It passed from Red Jacket, at his death, to Sosewah, otherwise Chief Johnson, and from him to Gen. Ely S. Parker, from whose widow it has been acquired for the Society. The actual ownership of the trophy has always been claimed by the Seneca nation, but that people have formally expressed the wish that henceforth the Buffalo Historical Society shall be the custodian.

Two former presidents of the Society have died during the year: Wm. Clement Bryant, on September 3d, and James Tillinghast, on October 25th. On January 3, '99, still another former president, Dr. Joseph C. Greene, died. Mr. Tillinghast and Dr. Greene were members of the Board of Managers at the time of their death. George B. Mathews was chosen to succeed Mr. Tillinghast on the board of '98, and the Hon.

W. S. Bissell succeeded Capt. Hamilton Ward, Jr., who resigned on November 3d, being in Cuba, with his regiment, the 202 N. Y. Volunteer Infantry.

The lecture course for 1898 was as follows:

January 11—A. H. Griffith, Director Detroit Museum of Art, "A City's Debt to its Citizens."

January 17—Hon. George W. Fishback, Philadelphia, Pa., "South American Republics and the Pan-American Exposition" (Illustrated with Stereopticon).

January 26—Presentation of G. A. R. Collection. Address by Col. Alfred D. Shaw, Department Commander State of New York.

February 7—J. N. Larned, "England and the English."

February 21—Henry L. Elmendorf, "Free Library Movement in Buffalo."

March 7—Prof. George L. Burr, of Cornell University, "Work of the Venezuelan Commission."

March 21—Hon. T. V. Welch, "Inside History of Legislation by which Niagara was made Free."

April 4—Frank H. Severance, "Old Trails."

Your Secretary closes his report by a reminder to the public that membership in the Historical Society costs but five dollars a year, and to all who are interested in its field of work a cordial invitation is extended to become members.

FRANK H. SEVERANCE,

Secretary.

In Memoriam.

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JAMES TILLINGHAST,

NINTH PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY, 1898.

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EXERCISES OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On the evening of January 20, 1888, a large number of the members of the Buffalo Historical Society assembled in the hall of the Society to witness the ceremony of the presentation of the Buffalo Historical Society to the State of New York, and a case to contain the same. The case was presented by the President of the Society, Mr. J. A. Langdon, and the presentation was made by the President of the State, Mr. J. A. Langdon, who made the presentation in a fitting manner.

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APPENDIX.

EXERCISES OF "GRAND ARMY EVENING."

On the evening of January 26, 1898, a great throng gathered in the Historical Society rooms to witness the ceremony of presentation to the Society of Civil War relics, and a case to contain them, from the Grand Army Posts of Buffalo. President Langdon presided, and in opening the exercises spoke feelingly of the generosity of the Grand Army Posts in making so elaborate a gift to the Society. He then introduced Col. Charles D. Zacher, who made the presentation address, which follows:

COL. ZACHER'S REMARKS.

Mr. Langdon, President of the Historical Society:

On behalf of my comrades I have the distinguished honor to place in the custody of your Society the beautiful receptacle which is to be known as "The Archives of the G. A. R.," and which by your direction has been placed in the rotunda on the floor of this building. May it, with the relics to be presented this evening and in the future, prove a corner-stone of a temple of fame, to which future generations may be directed to draw inspirations of loyalty, and thank God that the results of that terrible war were so beneficent, in this, that the prime cause for dissension between the North and South has been forever removed, and that the Stars and Stripes triumphantly float over a united nation.

When a public edifice or monument is to be erected, before the superstructure is begun, a corner-stone is laid with much ceremony, and in the cavity of the same is deposited such material as may be of information to future generations should the building be razed to the ground.

We are assembled this evening for the purpose of laying a corner-stone, metaphorically speaking, of a monument that we hope will endure forever, and that will speak in unmistakable terms of the heroism and valor of the loyal sons of our fair city and their comrades, who responded to their country's call from 1861 to 1865, in the war for the preservation of the Union.

In the wisdom of the Grand Army of the Republic of this city it has been deemed advisable to provide a suitable receptacle for its records and relics. It is only a question of time when that noble organization will be no more

and will exist only in memory, and it is none too soon to begin making suitable provisions for the end, inasmuch as our ranks are decimating very fast and cannot be filled up for want of men to recruit from.

Through the generosity of the Citizens' Committee who made the 31st National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in this city last August, such a grand success, and an honor to our city and the veterans, we were enabled to procure a handsome bevel plate glass case for that purpose. It has also been decided to begin making a systematic effort to gather the mementoes that are cherished as priceless in many homes from whence a beloved father, husband or brother left for that terrible war, many of whom sacrificed their lives or came home maimed for life. The preservation of such records and relics is a duty which the comrades of the Grand Army owe to themselves and to the honor of their late comrades in arms, and no effort should be spared to make this work so complete in all its details that there can be no doubt nor difficulty to establish the fact in years to come whose ancestors had the distinguished honor of having served their country.

We cannot reproduce the battles that were fought, nor can tongue or pen, nor ingenuity of art describe or present on canvas the terrible suffering endured by the boys in blue. We cannot bring back to life the brave men who died that the nation might live. But we can, by gathering the mementoes of that terrible struggle, keep alive the memory of those dark days, to the honor of those who formed a living shield between union and disunion.

These are to be placed temporarily in that case until such time when it shall become necessary to place them in separate cases or receptacles for better exhibition. In this work the assistance of each survivor, their friends and relatives, is earnestly solicited. But this work should be vigorously prosecuted above all for the educational influences it will exercise upon future generations and upon the vast multitude of foreigners who have and who will come to our city, that they may learn and study at what a terrible cost of blood and treasure this country has been saved to them. The nucleus of relics that we start with this evening will also be formally placed in the custody of the Historical Society, who very generously offered us a home in their present building and assured us of a suitable room in their proposed new building.

If sufficient money could be secured by endowment, or otherwise, for a Memorial Building and its maintenance, wherein could be preserved and exhibited for all time the relics referred to, it would be more distinctive and therefore more desirable. The honor such a building would confer on the veterans would be none too great for the sacrifice made by them. It is not difficult to imagine a suitable building of that kind, from an architectural point of view, filled with mementoes. It is easy to conceive with what pride

the children or grandchildren would point to the records of their parents or grandparents engraved on bronze or stone, securely fastened on the walls, illumined by the light of day through a glass dome. To the student the very silence of such mute tablets and mementoes would speak in tones more clear and distinct than words of history, and when finally he would rivet his eyes on the tattered battle flags, riddled by shot and shell, it would inspire him with a sense of loyalty as nothing else could, and instill in his heart a patriotic desire to emulate the self-sacrificing spirit of the loyal sons who deemed it a privilege to offer their lives, if need be, on the altar of their country.

A set of souvenirs and badges of the G. A. R. Encampment at Buffalo were presented by Alfred Lyth, Senior Vice-Commander of the National G. A. R. Presentations of records and relics of Posts, Regiments and Batteries were made, the following responding :

For the 21st Regiment, Gen. Wm. F. Rogers ; 49th Regiment, Capt. C. E. Selkirk ; 94th Regiment, Maj. George H. Stowits ; 116th Regiment, Comrade John R. Dobbins ; 155th Regiment, Commander Anselm J. Smith ; 187th Regiment, Capt. Albert Schoenwalt ; 10th Cavalry, Comrade Theodore Bull ; 2d N. Y. Mounted Rifles, Capt. Harlan J. Swift ; Weidrich's Battery, Frederick Smith ; Wheeler's Battery, Capt. A. M. Wheeler ; Eaton's Battery, Mr. Clark.

Col. Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, Commander of the Department of New York G. A. R., then delivered the following oration :

COL. SHAW'S ORATION.

Col. Albert D. Shaw, Department Commander, State of New York, G. A. R., spoke as follows :

Mr. President, Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen :

I esteem it a great honor and privilege to be present at and have a part in the impressive historic event of this hour. The occasion is one that thrills the heart of every veteran, and takes him back to the great war days when the tramp of armies and the echoes of cannon on our soil startled the world.

We meet to deposit in the keeping of this honored Buffalo Historical Society precious mementoes of the great Civil War, as evidences of the mightiest struggle in behalf of law and liberty of all the ages. This object lesson of lofty heroism and unselfish patriotism will here find a fitting place of safety and influence. It will not be long before every living witness of the scenes these relics bring to mind will have passed forever from among men ; but amid these surroundings the eye will take in the objects here on

view, and the times of willing sacrifice and blood-bought freedom will be recalled by multitudes yet unborn; and thus the sentiments of patriotism and the love of country will be kept alive in the hearts and lives of coming generations. That nation is in no danger of decay whose living sons and daughters keep bright the memory of those who helped to make it free and great in the formative and bloody period of its birth and safe development.

A GENERAL RETROSPECT.

It would be in poor taste for me to indulge in any enlarged criticisms of either the causes of our great Civil War or the details of that sanguinary struggle at a time like this. Enough to say that thirty-three years after the momentous strife ended, the flag of our Union floats in glory and in joy over all our borders, loved and respected as it never was before the unhappy war began. The relics of that stupendous strife now before us are proofs of valor and devotion, as precious as the scenes they recall are immortal.

Around historic objects we always love to linger, and to look upon the evidences of the brave past days and deeds, and hear the story of how our country was made great and free, is a precious part of a liberal education in patriotism and good citizenship. Nor do these evidences of internecine strife carry with them any irritating memories. They constitute monuments of a victorious defense of our free institutions, and illustrate the valor of the Union Volunteers in our life and death struggle between Slavery and Freedom.

The war was between ourselves, as Americans, a sectional revolution, and when it ended we soon became United Americans again, with the dangerous idol of Slavery forever cast down in the dust.

What may well be considered, as we meet on this memorable day, are some of the elements of safe individual and national culture which should enter generously into our private and public life as citizens of the greatest Republic of all the centuries.

WHAT WE DID IN WAR DAYS.

Little then did we know what a service we were rendering for our own and other lands in those terrible war days. Ours was a comparatively narrow view as we marched and fought and suffered, but our actions touched the wide circle of humanity in all lands. While we front-faced on many a battle line, Napoleon thought to set up a foreign throne in Mexico, and unhappy Maximilian, when victory crowned our cause, fell lifeless before Mexican bullets—freedom's bloody cure for unholy usurpations on this continent. It was bloody but effective medicine.

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to make inviolate the righteous rule of our peacefully elected president. We fought for the Union, for law and liberty. But in doing this we were defending the rights of acknowledged manhood in other countries. Russia learned the lesson of freedom from our dread school of war. So did Brazil. And, too, Great Britain, at the close of our great struggle, saw in our redeemed Union the torch of universal suffrage lighting up the world. Gladstone pressed the freedom of suffrage, and over 3,000,000 of the masses marched to the polls, in the happy tread of voters, whose rights American volunteers first made possible. Our four years of stupendous strife left us with a national character immensely strengthened in all that develops manhood and educates self-reliance. We had settled the question of an undivided Union, and the fall of slavery had left us a new nation. We stood before the world indeed "great, glorious and free." And our freedom, resting upon individual rights, appealed to all peoples and countries in a way that made foreign thrones tremble and Old World rulers fear and be reasonable. More than this, it left us as a nation with a higher life before us, and with new inspirations for our future.

TRUE PATRIOTISM.

I firmly believe that wise and unselfish patriotism is the first safeguard of our Republic. We hear a great deal in these later days of "promising sons;" but all sons will be promising whose souls are surcharged with the lofty love of liberty and who are grounded in the faith of Christian citizenship, jealous of American honor, proud of American manhood, and true to the highest possible destiny of our American civilization. The poor boy of eighteen, who laid down his life before Petersburg as he faced the Confederate forts, was right when he murmured, as death's touch chilled his vitals, "I am but a young boy, and very poor and humble has been my lot but I have counted one in the defence of my dear country." Yes, indeed, brave soldier boy, your soul was cast in the large mould of true American patriotism, and a nation of such heroes would be peerless in the history of mankind. Let us not forget that the toiling millions of humble lot constitute the real wealth-creators of our time. They dig and plow and sow and reap and build and fashion, and make the music of the world sweet by the sweat of their brows. We must be careful and see to it that the minority of the rich does not bring unjust burdens to the majority of the poor, for the pendulum of Time never ceases to move the hands on the dial of human progress, by night and by day, under the inspiration of that immortal Teacher of Galilee who taught us all "to do unto others as we would others should do unto us."

The older I grow the deeper is the conviction forced upon me that the divine simplicity of character that Christ illustrated in his life embodies the

best ideals for individuals and nations. True patriotism embraces the highest virtues and the noblest sympathies in the wide circle of our lives. To fix this quality of pure patriotism in the hearts of the rising generation is the great work of the teachers and patriots of the present.

The example of those who have nobly served their country is the best expression of the true spirit of liberty and loyalty. Thus it is that the historic treasures the Grand Army comrades here dedicate to future generations in the custody of this Society will become precious reminders through future years of the sacrifices which were made by our volunteers for the common good of a whole free people.

THE QUENCHLESS FIRES OF LIBERTY.

Touch this light material of our flag to the flames and it will instantly change into ashes; but fix it as a holy sentiment of love of country in the appreciative heart of a child, and it will defy the passing years or the carnage of battle, and remain a living glory to its dying hour. The fires of liberty are unquenchable. I have a vision of its power over the conduct of men in an incident I witnessed in the supremest trial of war. At the second battle of Bull Run, when our division charged through the woods upon the Confederate line, a regiment fell into confusion and for a few minutes lost its formation. The color-bearer was shot down, and for a moment the disorder was complete. A young lieutenant found the colors still in the death-grip of its proud guardian, and with his drawn sword in one hand and the flag in the other, shouted "Rally round your colors, boys." His voice sounded like a bugle blast amid the roar of battle, and the scattered soldiers rushed to their standard, in willing obedience to his orders. As he held it aloft, a shell from the enemy's guns swept through its field of blue, tearing it into shreds, while the officer heroically aided in quickly reforming the hotly pressed regiment. I can see him now, with flashing eyes and noble bearing, as he filled the circle of duty on that field of blood, inspired by the "Stars and Stripes," to unselfishly peril his life for his country. He was a living shield in defending this emblem of our nation's sovereignty when the travail of war tried his soul as by fire; and he was but a type of great multitudes who thus fought and died for equal rights and full freedom for every worthy son and daughter on American soil.

General Rice, who commanded a brigade in the Army of the Potomac, was mortally wounded in action, and as he lay dying, said to an attendant, "Turn my face to the enemy," and expired, proudly conscious to the last that he was facing his country's foes in the hour of death. His heroic example amid the brutal scenes of war may well be imitated in spirit in all the varying duties of citizenship. The sacrifices made during the Civil Con-

dict no history will ever record; and none but the soldiers can realize what war is, and what the horrors of fields of blood really are. Enough to say that our free institutions depend upon the deathless spirit of freedom which animated the hearts of our country's founders and preservers in the formative period of Washington and in the glorious age of emancipation in the era of Lincoln.

PATRIOTIC INSPIRATIONS.

The teaching of patriotism in our public schools is a subject of great importance to the best interests of our country. Early right ideals become rules of conduct in after years, and patriotic sentiments are the sound foundations of good citizenship.

The surviving veterans of 1861-5 have not long to live. The limits of time are close upon them. What they do in any line of wise work in providing high and worthy safeguards for our nation's future must be done quickly. The lessons of the great struggle for a united and free Republic can now be calmly studied. Reason and righteousness, it is now generally admitted, under a sentiment of arbitration and of law, could have composed our late differences without bloodshed.

Our new nation confronts a new century, teeming with buoyant life, and with splendid possibilities for a noble future; but in our growth we must fortify against the approaches of peril in every wise way. The children are the seeds growing in a soil saved to freedom and free men through the sacrifices of our volunteers in the morning of their lives. Whatever inspires love of justice and of country in the hearts of our children is precious in its formative wealth of character in the lives of our youth, who so soon are to take our places in the work of this world. The "Stars and Stripes" now float above the school houses over a large section of our Union, and this happy result is mainly due to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, and other patriotic agencies, the outgrowth and development in large measure of the sentiment of patriotism arising from our era of the Civil War.

The time has come when the fuller and broader development of the teaching of patriotism and of civics should be adopted. Fourteen millions of American school children daily present an army of promise and of solicitude for the future of unparalleled majesty and grandeur. The veterans of the nation feel that they have gauged the sacrifices of brutal battlefields and have come to realize, in the evening of their days, how mighty the agencies of reason, justice and righteousness are. They view with unspeakable pride the monument of Universal Freedom which stands immortal to mark the deeds of our past national epoch of liberty, and they desire to empty their

loyal impulses into the hearts of the rising generation. To this end they are anxious that patriotism should be wisely taught in the schools of our Union. The daily right discipline of our common schools is the mightiest bulwark for the future safety of our American institutions within our borders. The dead past may well be left to the past. The present and future are live factors in the greatest problem of free government in history.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST.

What hath God wrought, indeed, within the memory of many before me here and now? Behold, in memory's mirror, the rough scaffold, with John Brown standing upon it, with the hangman's rope about his neck, and surrounded by the hollow square of Virginia's military power! He had kissed a black child on his way to his doom, thus setting the seal of his devotion for the slave, and now one of the first heroes of history swings in space—a Martyr of Liberty. See him as his body sways in the southern breeze, this grand minority of one, white-haired and lifeless! What a lonely picture, in the setting of a felon's. He who commanded the military force on this day was afterwards the chief of the Confederate Armies. Six years later there marched through the broad avenues of our Nation's Capital the grandest army of Victory and Peace that ever passed in review. It represented the majority, liberators of 4,000,000 slaves, the successful defenders and saviors of the Union, the evidence that God rules in the destinies of homes and nations, and that Freedom is safe under the banner of right and righteousness.

As the evening shadows gathered, in a pouring rain late in 1862, I marched as a private soldier in the ranks of my regiment past the spot where John Brown's scaffold stood. A spirit of liberty filled every soldier's soul, and the words of the greatest war song of the world resounded through the region as thousands of marching men, with clear voices, in the deepening twilight, sung the words.

“John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave,
But his soul is marching on.”

The effect on the troops was wonderful. The dead minority of one for liberty thus furnished inspiration for the living majority for freedom's grandest victory of the world. The saddened Lee, as he bowed to the Decree of Fate at the final surrender, may have had the earlier vision of John Brown's execution before him as he realized that the fortunes of the Confederate cause had gone down forever in ruin, and that the spirit of freedom that animated the martyr's death still lived triumphant and commanding.

Another picture, a companion scene, comes into view. It is the final meeting of the rival generals of the great Civil War, Grant and Lee, at Appomattox. The Cavalier and the Puritan stand face to face in the closing scene of the mighty conflict. Sectionalism is dead, and a new birth of freedom has come. No exultant shout of conquest jars on the ears of the vanquished as the terms of surrender are recorded. The sword of Lee is sheathed and the guns of his army laid aside, as rations for the hungry prisoners are quickly ordered by Grant. Side arms and horses are permitted to be retained by the paroled soldiers as they return to their southern homes, and so the work of our noble volunteers was ended! The Angel of Peace with the Trumpet of Victory sounded out the glad acclaim, "Peace and Concord; Liberty and Union; One Flag and One Destiny; these are the sacred birthright henceforth of our American Union."

WAR RELICS.

The relics here this day deposited form a part of the memories of the era of which I have spoken. They are precious beyond the power of words to describe. Rich indeed are the additions thus made to your historic treasures. They do not represent hateful memories of the past. Not so. They are evidences of a now happily settled conflict, and historic souvenirs of a time of peril and of sacrifice, sacred in the life of our redeemed Nation. The blue and the gray may look upon them in peace and without angry retrospect, for when brave men contend on battlefields for ideas peculiar to sections, the final settlement in blood always has the truest defenders among those who faced each other for what they believed to be right. The demagogue and trickster never like to look into the mouths of cannon or face flaming lines of steel. The hero, in a wrong or right course, knows what true valor is, and appreciates fully honor's claims in the hour of final defeat or victory.

PRECIOUS COMRADESHIP.

The comradeship of surviving veterans becomes yearly more precious. We live a good deal in the past, for age, in a sense, renews our youth. On all sides we see evidences of the appreciative gratitude of the whole people over our past services. On your beautiful Public Square stands a noble monument to the soldiers and sailors who periled their lives for a common country, the affectionate free offering of the citizens of this proud and patriotic Queen City by the Lake. And these beautiful monuments can be found all over the land, wherever brave men went forth to fight for the integrity of the Union and the freedom of the slave. These precious object lessons come into view while we live, let us all proudly remember. The true glory of it

all is found in the fact that those who helped make the nation more glorious have lived to see their deeds fully appreciated and fitly commemorated. "'Tis sweet to be remembered," indeed, and the fruits of the noble spirit of gratitude and affection will surely be a larger growth of saving patriotism as the ages of our growing nationality unfold in the great "roaring loom of time." Comrades, let us so live while we do live as to prove that the qualities that made us good soldiers can also make us good citizens; and thus in combining the citizen soldier and the veteran citizen, the fairest product of our later civilization may be seen, the defenders of our nation in war and the protectors of our Union in peace. Let us not forget that by living our best we cannot hope to equal the proud position we should hold in the esteem of the loyal millions who are following us in the possession of the most glorious inheritance ever known in the life of man.

THE NEW NATION.

The American Union, in its wide circle of privileges and sacred heritage of citizenship, founded anew on universal freedom, became the light of the world along the high plane of manhood suffrage and individual dependence and independence. With the new force of steam, the telegraph, the printing press and electricity expanding quickly after the close of our great war, a larger growth of national sentiment and American commerce followed. The whole world began to think by lightning and travel by steam, and the bounding pulses of a new manhood awoke millions to a larger life and a manlier view of living. Before the new demand for a man's full measure of rights the privileged few of the old world yielded and must still further yield. Old things have passed away and new ideals of rights and privileges have taken lasting root in the hearts of men in all lands. The irresistible march of liberty is advancing. We have the glowing promise of a wide and deep evolution of a broader national life in the peaceful and wise possibilities opening out before us, if we are profoundly sagacious in all our development. We must love our fellow man because he is a brother man, and not because he has great wealth; and the worship of the "God-money" must more and more give way to the measure of good actions and safe citizenship, in order that our American civilization may rest on the sound and lasting foundations of "bearing each other's burdens."

There was no northern or southern Rome in the full glory of her imperial power; and so let sectional lines henceforth be merged in the American Union. The stream of our National Destiny flows on united and placid after the tempests of war divided its course for a brief period. Old hates and rivalries have passed away, and the horizon of our hopes has a clear sky. Love and sympathy, charity and purity, these should be the universal

sentiments sweeping like the brightening rays of the sun over all our Union.

"Rise, rise up, ye valiant brothers,
Rise, and love again the others;
Rise, rise up, ye gallant brothers,
Rise again and greet the others."

CONCLUSION.

Before many are aware, the last veteran of the Civil War will have passed within the mystic veil which we call Death, and silence will fall upon the Grand Army Posts of our country. The memorials of our noble Order will find their way into the custody of Historical Societies similar to this. Rich treasures will thus be spread out for our coming generations to view and study, as the deeds of heroes centre round the objects thus preserved.

In the dim vista of departed years, when we who have carried gun or sword, or by army service on land or sea did what we could for liberty and law to save the Union and uplift our American civilization, are but a memory, let us trust and believe that those who follow us in the holy circle of American citizenship will prove worthy successors to the great heritage of patriotism secured to them through tears and blood, equal to every duty, and unrivaled in lofty ideals of the world's most majestic monument—"A Government of all the people, by all the people and for all the people."

AN HOUR WITH PRESIDENT FILLMORE AND HIS FRIENDS.

Programme of exercises following the business session of the Annual Meeting, January 10, 1899:

PROGRAMME.

Introductory Remarks	President Langdon.
Song—Auld Lang Syne	Miss Langdon.
An Incident	Mr. Frank H. Severance.
Mr. Fillmore's Views on Temperance	Dr. Albert H. Briggs.
Reminiscences	Mrs. Solomon G. Haven.
Read by Miss Haven.	
Personal Recollections	Hon. Sherman S. Rogers.
Old Days Recalled	Mr. Lars G. Sellstedt.
Song	Miss Langdon.

Letters from James K. Hosmer and Others.

(Read by extract ; published herewith.)

Studying Law in Mr. Fillmore's Office.....Mr. Hiram C. Day.*

Address.....Hon. James O. Putnam.

BIRTH OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Severance said :

Some years ago I was making a Sunday drive around Grand Island with the Hon. Lewis F. Allen, when he said to me : " Did you ever hear how the Historical Society was started ? "

Mr. Allen and I used to make very pleasant excursions together. Though more than half a century lay between us, in age, we had a common interest in the history of the Niagara frontier—that history which he knew so well ; so large a part of which he was.

" Tell me of it," I said.

" I was coming up Court Street one day," he continued, " when I met Orsamus H. Marshall. I knew him well—knew that he was one of the few men in Buffalo who gave any thought to the preservation of the records or relics of our history. Marshall, you know, was a scholar. Put him onto anything relating to our Indians, and off he'd go as long as he could follow the trail. He spoke of something that he wanted to get, or that had been destroyed, I don't remember now just what.

" ' Marshall,' I said, ' we ought to do something about these things. Somebody should take care of them.' "

" It was a raw, windy day early in the Spring, along in March, 1862. He said, ' Come up in my office and we'll talk it over.' "

" The result of that talk was that we got a few others interested and published a call for another meeting, to be held at Mr. Marshall's office. The rest of it," said Mr. Allen, " is matter of record. We named a committee to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws, which were submitted to a meeting of citizens held in the rooms of the old Medical Association on South Division Street. Millard Fillmore was made chairman of that meeting, and a little later, at our first election, he was chosen the first president of the Society." "

The Society's records show that the first meeting at which Mr. Fillmore presided was held on April 15, 1862. Mr. Allen was chairman of the earlier meeting, held at Mr. Marshall's office, and was the first vice-president of the Society.

* Not presented at the meeting, but printed herewith.

MR. FILLMORE'S VIEWS ON TEMPERANCE.

Dr. Briggs said :

My only excuse for making any remarks on this occasion is the fact that from my earliest recollection I have known a Fillmore. And to know any of this remarkable family was to respect, honor and love them. In my childhood I knew and loved the Rev. Glezen Fillmore. "Father Fillmore" we called him—a cousin of ex-President Millard Fillmore. Father Fillmore went to his reward years ago, but he has left his mark on all this part of our State. He will always be remembered as the pioneer of Methodism here.

The children of my father's household would sit for hours and listen to his stories of adventure and hardship while on his rounds as a "circuit preacher" of the M. E. Church. "His parish," he would say, "was all of New York State west of the Genesee River and a good part of Pennsylvania, as far south as Titusville and Meadville." On one occasion, when coming to our place to hold quarterly meeting, he drove by and put up at a neighbor's. After the Saturday evening services were over my good mother said to him: "Father Fillmore, the children were bitterly disappointed because you did not stop at our house as usual." His reply was, "I intended to stop at your house, Sister Briggs, but the road gate was shut, and as I did not wish to get out into the mud to open it, I drove on to Sister Clark's."

"We boys" overheard the remark. We went home, and, in spite of its size and weight, we took the gate from its hinges, dragged it some distance from the post and chained it to the pines with a log chain, where it remained several years, until long after Father Fillmore died. It is needless to say that the good man never drove by again without stopping.

The next Fillmore with whom I became acquainted was Nathaniel Fillmore, the father of Millard. I first met him while I was a student at the Academy at East Aurora. In spite of the great difference in our ages—he an old man, I a young boy—we were inseparable companions, and all the time I had to spare from my school duties was spent in his company. He was a very pleasant old gentleman, and I never tired of hearing him tell of Millard—his constant theme when in my company.

While a student at the University of Buffalo, Millard Fillmore was the honored Chancellor. He would occasionally attend the lectures of the professors, and always appeared to take great interest in all that was said and done. He most frequently attended the lectures of Prof. Chas. A. Lee, whom he apparently respected very highly. Prof. Lee was a very old man, probably a little older than Mr. Fillmore. He was a tireless worker in his profession, and was, I believe, the originator—if not, at least the defender—of the theory that drunkenness is a disease, and should be considered and

treated as such by the State. Through his energy and tireless effort an institution was founded by the State at Binghamton for the treatment of this class of diseases. The institution proved a failure, as Prof. Lee predicted it would, because the Legislature did not incorporate in the law the power and authority to restrain the patients, even against their will, until cured.

One day the subject of the lecture by Prof. Lee was "Alcohol." After disposing of the subject from the viewpoint of the professor of *materia medica*, he branched out to deliver a most earnest, eloquent and impressive address on the abuse of alcoholic beverages. Millard Fillmore was present on this occasion, and at the close of the lecture was asked if he wished to make any remarks. He had often been given the opportunity before, but until now had always declined. He arose and told the class of young men how greatly he had been interested in the earnest words of Prof. Lee, and wished to add to the professor's eloquent plea the hope that none of the young men present would ever become addicted to the intemperate use of alcoholic beverages. He pointed out the danger of moderate drinking, and warned them as young medical men of the many dangers that would especially surround them. He gave a brief history of his own life, of his early struggles to obtain an education, of the privations of his young manhood, of the temptations that surrounded him as a law student, of his experiences as a lawyer, of his success as a politician, until by good fortune he had been called to hold the highest office in the gift of the American people, when he had been required to entertain the representatives of kings and emperors. "Yet," said he, "up to this day I have seldom tasted wine and seldom offered it to a guest."

As he closed his eloquent address, none could but admire the courtly, handsome man who stood so erect before us, his silvery hair showing whiter by the contrast of his glowing, ruddy countenance, his eyes clear and bright, his figure tall and erect, every movement marked by courtly dignity and grace.

MRS. HAVEN'S RECOLLECTIONS.

The following paper, by Mrs. S. G. Haven, was read by Miss Haven :

The private life of our late President, Millard Fillmore, was in his earlier years so domestic and so quiet and uneventful as to present but few salient points for the narrator, and none whatever for the sensationalist. Like all good husbands, he loved his wife and his children and found his highest pleasure in the enjoyment of his home. But what was peculiar to him was the marked courtesy of manner with which he always addressed Mrs. Fillmore and the polite attention which he accorded her. It was like that which a man usually bestows upon a guest.

I remember, at a party at my own house one cold winter night, that, after escorting Mrs. Fillmore to the parlor, he quietly slipped away to his own home, returning to surprise her with the flowers she had cut from her own conservatory and carefully arranged, but had forgotten to bring with her. It was these small attentions, so natural to him, that gave a distinctive mark to the daily intercourse of their lives.

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The friends of the Historical Society are familiar with the iron car or cradle which was used upon a cable to cross the gorge of Niagara River during the construction of the Suspension Bridge; but they may not know that Mr. Fillmore himself, though naturally a cautious man, made that perilous passage simply because he could not see a headstrong woman, till then a stranger, take that appalling journey alone.

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The relations between the firm of Fillmore, Hall & Haven were those of the closest intimacy, which naturally led to the discussion of all that filled the measure of their lives, both professional and political. The many letters that Mr. Haven received from Mr. Fillmore, including those written during the formation of the Cabinet, were carefully preserved for more than forty years, and then the most of them were destroyed, not recklessly, but because they were of too personal and confidential a nature to be subjected to the risk of ever falling into other hands.

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have elapsed since the last one of the firm passed away, and Mr. Putnam is still with us, genial and sparkling as ever.

Mr. Fillmore was a lover of books, and in his earlier life it was a source of regret that he had so little time to bestow upon them. All the leisure he could obtain he devoted to them, and his natural good taste insured his appreciation of the best authors.

Speaking one day, with a lady, of a young man who had an appointment in Italy, Mr. Fillmore said: "Is not he something of a rowdy?" "Oh, no," said she, "I think not." "Why," said he, "I thought he drank and wrote poetry." Notwithstanding this Mr. Fillmore had a thorough enjoyment of poetry. He was dining once in London with a circle who were discussing the poets, when some one asked if he was fond of Cooper's poems. He replied that he was not aware that Cooper had written poetry, and that he knew him only as a novelist. "Oh," said the other, "we mean our own Cooper, not yours." "I did not know you had a Cooper," said he, "and I know nothing of his poems." A moment later he discovered that they were speaking of Cowper, who was one of his favorites, but whose name he had never heard pronounced in the English way. Early in the first winter of Mr. Fillmore's administration, Mr. Haven received a letter from him, from which the following is taken:

WASHINGTON, December 21, 1850.
Saturday evening, 9 o'clock.

DEAR HAVEN:—The busy week is nearly ended, the last letter read, but not answered, the last office-seeker politely bowed out of the room, and I seize the precious moment simply to say I am very anxious that you and Mrs. Haven should come and make us a visit this winter—do come; come directly to the White House. We have one spare room in this temple of inconveniences, neatly fitted up and just the thing for you, so you must come. I have a thousand things to say to you that I cannot write and we shall all be delighted to see you. So come! Come! quickly—but if you cannot come quickly—come!

In response to this cordial invitation we went to Washington, and it was there as a member of his household that I learned to know Mr. Fillmore with an ever increasing admiration of his high-toned character. That calm serenity of manner, which was his distinguishing characteristic, seemed never to fail him, and he met the all changing circumstances of his varied career with dignity and repose.

The sudden and unexpected manner in which Mr. Fillmore was called to the Presidential chair is known to you all. I have heard him say that the only night in his life in which he never slept for one moment was the night after Gen. Taylor's death. He was overwhelmed by the great responsibilities so suddenly thrust upon him and the shortness of the time for adequate preparation. There was but one precedent to guide him, that of John Tyler,

after the death of William Henry Harrison. Gen. Harrison's Cabinet immediately sent in their resignations, which Mr. Tyler courteously declined to accept, requesting them to remain with him. Mr. Fillmore was aware that he might be expected to follow this example, yet he at once accepted the resignation of Gen. Taylor's Cabinet, feeling that he could not assume such grave responsibilities without surrounding himself with men of his own choice, with whom he could work in perfect harmony, and as soon as he could arrange so delicate and important a matter, he had formed that strong Cabinet which began with Daniel Webster and ended with John J. Crittenden.

By the formation of this Cabinet Mr. Fillmore brought together in Washington the old Buffalo firm of Fillmore, Hall & Haven, Mr. Fillmore as President of the United States, Judge Hall as Postmaster General and Mr. Haven as Member of Congress. Perhaps it is not known to the younger members of this Society that these three men had for sixteen years (not consecutive years) the honor of representing Erie County in the Congress of the United States. Every one who has lived in Washington knows what an influence the Cabinet has in giving tone to society, and in that regard this Cabinet of Mr. Fillmore proved most acceptable to the residents of that city, who always look with the keenest interest at all the changes in this particular branch of the Government. The house of Mr. Webster was always open to hospitality, and at his receptions all who were best worth knowing were to be found. Mr. Crittenden had for years held a high position in Washington, and Mrs. Crittenden is still remembered as one of the brilliant women of her day.

At the White House the entertainments were numerous and were largely attended. The President held a reception every Tuesday morning and a levee on Friday evenings. There was a large dinner in the Congressional dining room on Thursday evenings, and a small one of twenty or more every Saturday evening in the family dining room. Mr. Fillmore received these guests with that courtly dignity which always marked his demeanor, and a resident of Washington, who had seen many Presidents in the White House, told me that in this respect no one of them, with the exception of Franklin Pierce, had even approached Mr. Fillmore.

Since the period of which I write, the etiquette of Washington has greatly changed. At that time the President and his wife never accepted any invitations whatever, and this custom was so rigidly observed that none was ever sent to them, except occasionally for a wedding or some large public function. This was the inflexible rule from the time of Washington down to that of Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Fillmore made one exception. Once a year he dined quietly with Mr. Corcoran, who was a private citizen. But Mrs. Lin-

coln went to Washington with peculiar views of her own, and she succeeded in breaking down the barriers that had been established from the foundation of the Government, and since then the Presidents have dined with the Cabinet and others of high position. But while the President and his wife did not visit, they were always expected to have some one in the White House to attend to the social duties, and for this position Miss Fillmore, though only eighteen years of age, was most admirably qualified. Mr. Fillmore was justly proud of his only daughter. Her musical talent was of a high order; she spoke French fluently, and her attractive personality and her rare conversational abilities won the admiration of the numerous guests to whom she was always ready to adapt herself. The President's son, Mr. Powers Fillmore, was private secretary, and upon him devolved the duty of arranging all the details of the dinners and other special entertainments.

When Mr. Fillmore took possession of the Executive Mansion it contained no books, not even a Bible. He applied to Congress for an appropriation, and fitted up as a library the largest and most cheerful room in the second story. Here Miss Fillmore had her own piano and harp, and here Mrs. Fillmore, surrounded by her books, spent the greater part of her time, and in this room the family received their informal visitors. The President had but little time to give to this library, for his labors were arduous, and it was only by the most systematic arrangement, which gave to each hour its own specific duty, that he was able to accomplish the work of the day. But he usually succeeded in leaving the Executive Chamber at 10.30 at night and spending a pleasant hour in the library with his family.

One of the interesting incidents of the winter was a visit from Mr. Fillmore's father. It was the first time that any President had enjoyed the pleasure of entertaining his own father at the Executive Mansion. The morning after his arrival the papers announced that "the venerable father of the President" was at the White House, and there was an unusually large attendance at the reception that day, Judges, Senators and private citizens, all seeming desirous of paying their respects. Mr. Nathaniel Fillmore was in vigorous health, and as he stood by the side of the President, his tall figure still quite erect, he showed none of the infirmities of age, and appeared somewhat younger than his eighty years. As the President presented the guests to him, each one shook him cordially by the hand, and some of them stopped for a moment's conversation. One man from New York said to him: "You have been so successful in raising sons, I wish you would tell me how to bring up my little boy." "Cradle him in a sap trough," said Mr. Fillmore, always ready with an answer. It was an exciting morning for him, but he seemed to enjoy it, and when it was over and we were alone, he said to me: "If I could have the power of marking out

the pathway of life for my son, it would never have led to this place, but I cannot help feeling proud of it now that he is here."

At the close of Mr. Fillmore's administration he and Mrs. Fillmore had planned a journey through the Southern States, when they were to be accompanied by some of the members of the Cabinet, but on the day which they left the White House, Mrs. Fillmore took a violent cold, and in less than two weeks she died at Willard's Hotel.

It was in the dark shadow of this great sorrow that Mr. Fillmore returned to private life. His devotion to his wife was shown in many ways, and it led him to carefully preserve every line she had ever written to him. He said he could never make up his mind to destroy even the little business notes she sent him at his office.

When, in less than two years after his return to Buffalo, his beloved daughter was taken from him after an illness of only a few hours, the cup of his affliction was filled to overflowing. He could not remain in his home, now so desolate, and he soon left for a year's travel in Europe, a pleasure which but a short time before he had been expecting to enjoy with his daughter. After remaining a widower for nearly six years, Mr. Fillmore was married to Mrs. Caroline McIntosh, of Albany. The wedding took place at the home of Mrs. McIntosh, which was the fine old Schuyler mansion, so filled with historic associations connected with our Revolutionary struggle, and a few of us, who were among his most intimate friends, went to Albany with Mr. Fillmore and his son to be present at the ceremony.

In the heat and strife of party conflict Mr. Fillmore was severely criticised, but now that time has softened these animosities, the country seems ready to accord to him an honorable position in the line of our Presidents. No one can deny that during his Administration our country was prosperous at home and respected abroad, and here, where he was best known, all seem ready to unite in pointing to him as an example of an honorable and useful life, and to cherish and revere his memory and to teach their children to be proud of our first Buffalo President.

[The remarks of the Hon. Sherman S. Rogers were devoted to reminiscences of Mr. Fillmore, and an appreciative tribute to his worth. They are not furnished for publication.]

MR. SELLSTEDT'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. Sellstedt said, in part:

It gives me unfeigned pleasure to learn that you are preparing a memorial sketch of the life of the late honored ex-President Millard Fillmore for the Buffalo Historical Society, of which he was, if not the real founder, one of the most prominent, and its first president.

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Fillmore's public life has been the property of history; his public acts have been approved or censured according to the moral or political bias of his contemporaries. They were sometimes assailed with undeserved bitterness by those who did not understand the patriotism of his motives, but I believe few, if any, questioned the honesty of his purpose.

Beyond everything Mr. Fillmore revered Law; to him the Constitution was a sacred document to be kept inviolate. I once asked him while sitting to me for his portrait, why he signed the Fugitive Slave Law, knowing, as he must have known, how unpopular it would make him. His answer was in substance: Mr. Webster and others of his Cabinet advised it, as it was in fact only a measure to give force to a clause of the Constitution generally understood to affect negro slavery. The slave States already threatened secession and it was thought politic to yield to their wishes for a time, knowing that as they would never be able to carry slavery into the territories, the time was not far distant when these would become States, thus giving the political preponderance necessary to change the Constitution so as to abolish slavery.

Mr. Fillmore was a most agreeable sitter, replete with amusing stories, which he told with fine effect. He was always genial and courteous, often amusing, but never losing his dignified manner. He rather prided himself on punctuality, whether in private or public. Always at the hour appointed, whether it was a sitting or a meeting of the Board of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, of which, so long as he lived, he was a member. Once, however, he forgot an engagement with me and his regret at having failed was almost pitiable. "Mr. Sellstedt," he said, "this is the first time in my life that I have failed to keep an appointment. I have always made it the rule of my life to be punctual."

Mr. Fillmore's art idea was not of a high order. What he liked and understood was objective in the highest degree. Neither do I believe his musical idea was Wagnerian. In poetry it was the farthest from subjective. Pope was his model, and the Essay on Man was his idea of verse. He thought Shakespeare much overrated.

Mr. Fillmore's sense of humor was keen, and in his family or among intimate friends he would contribute his full share at the shrine of Momus.

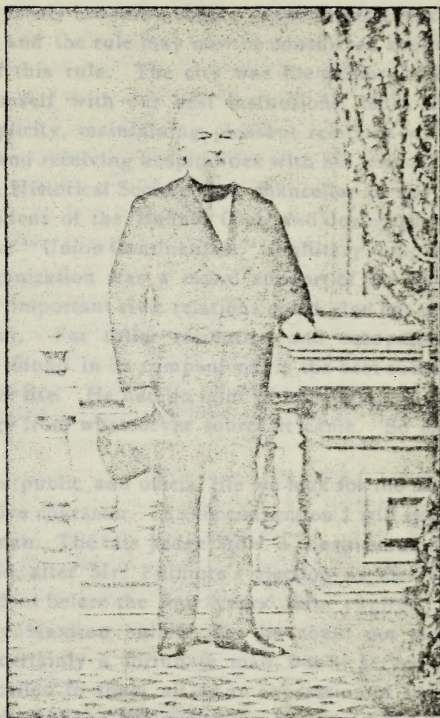
MR. FILLMORE IN HIS CITIZEN AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

ADDRESS BY THE HON. JAMES O. PUTNAM.

Mr. President:—You have asked for my recollections and impressions, in brief, of Mr. Fillmore in his citizen and public relations.

It is almost a quarter of a century since his death, and his memory may well be recalled in the city of which he was the most distinguished citizen and where his name will ever be held in honor.

During the early years of his Buffalo life his time was divided between his profession and his service in the State and National Legislatures, and his citizen relations to Buffalo were not more marked than those of other leading lawyers. Buffalo was a young city, and its institutional life, except its churches and schools, had hardly begun. But at the time of Mr. Fillmore's return to Buffalo in 1853, the city had entered on its later development all along the line of municipal life, and in this development he became an important actor. He was then fifty-three years of age.

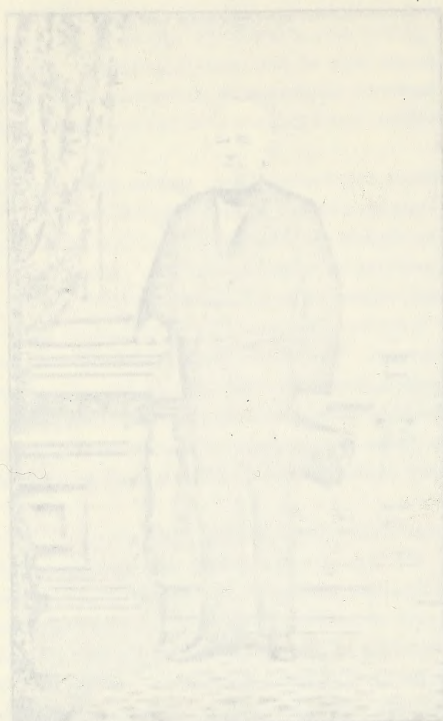


MILLARD FILLMORE.

From a photograph taken about 1856.

His large intercourse with the world, his native dignity, and his courtly manner and never-failing courtesy, where courtesy was due, gave him marked distinction. He was not a brilliant or a magnetic man, but he was loyal to friendship and just to all men. If there was any one moral quality to which he paid the deepest reverence, that quality was justice. When that element entered into a question, or controversy in any sphere of his action, it became the dominant element to which all others must bow.

Again, referring to his return to Buffalo at the close of his public life, the great question for him to solve was how he could spend his remaining years. He was in full health and mental vigor. An unwritten rule then prevailed that an ex-President, if a lawyer, should not resume the practice of his profession; his business must be to maintain the dignity of a retired President, live in elegant leisure, adorn salons, and wait patiently for a State funeral. That rule prevailed until Mr. Cleveland, with characteristic independence, at the close of his first term, broke over that network of absurdity, and



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passed from his Presidential to his law-office chair. Ex-President Harrison followed in the same line, and the rule may now be considered abolished. Mr. Fillmore was a victim of this rule. The city was the gainer if he was the loser. He identified himself with our best institutions, led a life of dignity and of tasteful simplicity, maintaining pleasant relations with his fellow citizens and giving and receiving hospitalities with his friends. He was the first president of the Historical Society, first chancellor of the University of Buffalo, was president of the Buffalo Club, and during the Civil War was the first officer of the "Union Continentals," a military company of middle aged men. This organization was a moral support of the Government. But these and other important civic relations could give but partial relief from wearisome ennui. For fuller recreation and occupation he resorted to his library, and found in its companionship the best substitute for the activities of his former life. He had no taint of affectation of learning, and welcomed knowledge from whatsoever source it came. So passed his last twenty years.

To the fifteen years of his public and official life we look for the highest illustrations of his conservative character. In this connection I will say that he was often called a lucky man. The late Judge Stow, a conspicuous figure in Buffalo fifty years ago, said, after Mr. Fillmore's election as Vice-President, that he would be President before the four years' term expired; that "General Taylor might defy Mexican bullets, but he could not survive Fillmore's luck." He was certainly a fortunate man, but he served up to every position he ever held, called to them all as an expression of the confidence, first, of his district, then of the State and the Nation, in his ability and the purity of his character. He had no arts but manly arts; was not in the least degree a demagogue. This public confidence served him in place of political finesse and tact, for he had little of either. His personal following in his district in those early days was of solid men, whose nominating conventions were independent and deliberative bodies, not met to ratify some outside decree, but to select proper representatives for the popular suffrage. Mr. Fillmore served three years in the State Legislature and eight years in the National House of Representatives. It is the testimony of his contemporaries that he brought industry, large intelligence, careful study and conscientious purpose to every legislative question on which he was called to act. He left Congress with a national reputation for the solid qualities which make an able legislator, and both the State and Nation regarded him in character and ability equal to their highest honors, which followed in rapid succession.

He succeeded to the Presidency on the death of General Taylor, when the crisis of 1850-51 was at its height. It was the transition period in the senti-

ment of the Northern States on the subject of slavery. From the time of the acquisition of the new territories from Mexico, the hostility to the system had risen a very tidal wave, every day marking its advance. The struggle of the South to plant slavery in the new territories and of the North to consecrate them to freedom was maintained with all the passion that vast and antagonistic interests and the most profound convictions could inspire. It was a battle of giants; the stake an empire. What could stay the revolutionary storm? An appeal was made to the only way yet devised in such national crises, except the appeal to war. We know its history. It was the judgment of many patriotic men in and out of Congress that unless the compromise formulated under the leadership of Senator Henry Clay, whose patriotic public career is a glory of the Nation, should be adopted by Congress, civil war would follow and imperil the very existence of the Republic. Those measures, among others, admitted California to the Union, a free State, and abolished the slave trade, not slavery, in the District of Columbia. I visited Washington while the fierce struggle was going on, while Mr. Fillmore was Vice-President, and I well remember his words in an interview I had with him, and the deep sensibility with which he uttered them, which were, in substance, that he shared the opinions and fears of those who favored the compromise. With these impressions he entered upon the Presidency. After Congress had adopted the compromise measures, the whole responsibility of peace or war, as he believed, and as millions of his countrymen believed, rested upon the President. It was easy for those on whom the final responsibility did not rest to appeal to a "higher law" than the Constitution, but where that awful responsibility did rest, the Constitution and its obligations must be his guide. He acted upon the principle avowed by President Lincoln in his letter to Horace Greeley, of date August 12, 1862, when the veteran editor was urging through the Tribune an immediate Emancipation Proclamation. Said Lincoln, "I would save the Union; if there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time destroy slavery, I do not agree with them. My paramount object is to save the Union, and not either to save or destroy slavery."

Both Fillmore and Lincoln made the humanities of the slavery question wholly subordinate to the national safety. Why should the President, it may be asked, sanction a compromise with slavery? I answer, because the Government is the offspring of Compromise, which is blazoned all over the Constitution, which is supreme in its fostering care of slavery. At the demand of some of the slave States the Constitution kept open the African slave trade for twenty years, to 1808, so throwing its shield over the miseries of kidnaping wars in Africa and the horrors of the middle passage, whose cruelties converted many a New England slave ship into floating hells. It

further provided for the return of fugitive slaves, which required an efficient law of Congress. This provision passed the Constitutional Convention by a unanimous vote. These provisions of the Constitution, as it existed down to our Civil War, revealed two things: First, that the Federal Union had never existed but for these provisions; it further shows to us the vast stride the sentiment of humanity had made since the adoption of the Constitution, and this evolution was in the line of the social and moral progress of the age. But while public opinion had made this great advance, the Constitution of the United States remained, with all its obligations, as it stood when Washington penned his signature to it as President of the Constitutional Convention.

That humane sentiment was prepared to resist any attempt to return fugitive slaves to bondage under any law. That might be very well for those who had taken no oath to support the Constitution and on whom rested no final responsibility. President Fillmore, who had no more love for the fugitive slave law, *per se*, than had its foes, and who had no part in framing it, with as patriotic a purpose as ever inspired a statesman's action, gave his approval to the whole series of compromise measures as measures of peace and national safety. Then broke the furious storm on his head, its center the fugitive slave law, and he learned that the path which appeared to him, that of official duty, may be the path of obloquy. So Washington suffered when he refused to make an alliance with France in her war with England; so Sir Robert Peel, the Tory Premier of Great Britain, when he broke from his party to repeal the Corn Laws, was branded by the landed aristocracy with the crime of betraying his party, and the poisoned arrows of Disraeli are yet cherished in the armory of Tory hate. But he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had given cheap bread to starving millions of his countrymen and saved England from an agrarian revolution. The conservative power of official responsibility has had recent illustration in English politics. The religious classes in England and leading representatives of public opinion demanded of Lord Salisbury that he compel the Sultan to stop the massacres in Abyssinia. We Americans joined in the cry. The Premier knew that meant war on Turkey, and that war on Turkey by England would precipitate an universal European war, whose wreckage no prophetic vision could measure. Was he wrong, as a statesman, knowing as he did that every European power was the enemy of England, and would rejoice to see her baffled and despoiled? Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and to that law national altruism must bow.

We have not yet realized that dream of idealists who would justify any ruler in sacrificing his own country for any other nation, near or remote.

I further maintain that the principle avowed by President Lincoln and

acted upon by President Fillmore, that the saving of the Union should be the supreme policy of administration, was true statesmanship. "Take care that the State suffer no detriment" was the command of Rome to her rulers, the duty of first obligation in the Republic of the United States, as it was in the Republic of Rome.

It is sometimes asked what was gained by the compromise? I answer, a postponement of the Civil War for ten years, until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, the border ruffianism to establish slavery in Kansas, the Dred Scott decision nationalizing slavery, the Brooks assault on Senator Sumner and the John Brown tragedy had practically unified the northern sentiment and prepared the North for every needful sacrifice to maintain the Union, from the day of that fatal shot on Fort Sumter, "heard round the world."

In the light of the history of the last fifty years, I ask: Would it have been better for the nation and for civilization had President Fillmore refused to approve those measures passed in constitutional methods, the fugitive slave law included under which hardly more than a half dozen slaves were returned to bondage, and so have opened the flood gates of civil war, imperiling the existence of the Government and leading to the organization of hostile nations, where now floats our untorn flag over a united people with one heart and one destiny? That is the question for us and for the historian.

Another illustration of Mr. Fillmore's conservative character and action is the Kossuth episode. Almost all the public characters in Washington yielded to the fascinating eloquence of the Hungarian Governor, pleading for intervention by the United States in behalf of his country in its war with Austria. Kossuth took advantage of his presentation to the President to urge such intervention. The President in reply, in a few courteous words, told the Governor that the Government would maintain its neutrality and adhere to the principles of Washington's administration. From that moment the mission of Kossuth was practically ended, although with marvelous eloquence he repeated the woes and hopes of Hungary to large audiences in several cities. Buffalo was one of them, and the melody of his voice and the charm of his eloquence still linger with me like rich strains of music.

The foregoing are, in brief, my recollections and impressions of Mr. Fillmore in his private and public relations, derived from thirty years of personal acquaintance and observation.

There will be in the future Mitfords and Humes to write history with aristocratic sympathies; there will be Grotes and Macaulays to write history with liberal sympathies; I have no doubt the judicial historian of the future who shall comprehend the entire situation of the national crisis of 1850-51 and the constitutional obligations and guarantees in connection with slavery, while declaring the fugitive slave law repugnant to the free spirit of the

age, will pronounce Mr. Fillmore's administration one of the purest and wisest in our history, and Mr. Fillmore one of the most conscientious and patriotic executives who, up to his time, had administered the great office of the Presidency.

MR. H. C. DAY'S REMINISCENCES.

[Not presented at the meeting, but kindly furnished by Mr. Day for publication]

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen :

I most cheerfully comply with the request made to me on behalf of this Society to give you briefly this evening what I saw and learned of our late distinguished fellow citizen, Millard Fillmore, while I was engaged in reading law in the office of Fillmore & Haven. And it seems to me but fair to you at this time that I should frankly acknowledge that there is no man, living or dead, to whom I am more deeply indebted for numerous acts of kindness, attention and advice than Millard Fillmore. It commenced when I first entered his office, and continued long after he was called away by the voice of the whole State to discharge the duties of comptroller, and still later in his life, when called upon by the voice of the whole nation to enter upon a still broader field of public life, until he became President of the United States, the highest office vouchsafed to man in this country. So if I should on this occasion seem to say too much in laudation of Mr. Fillmore, I must ask you to attribute it to that feeling in my bosom (which I pray may never grow cold) that inspired the Poet Burns to say in his lament for James, Earl of Glencairn :

“ But I'll remember thee, Glencairn,
And all that thou hast done for me.”

It was quite late in the fall of 1844 (upwards of fifty-four years ago) when I first entered the law office of Fillmore & Haven to commence the study of law. At that time I had not completed my eighteenth birthday, and was residing with my father and mother, in the same house where I was born, in this city. Their office was located on the west side of Main Street, and was a part of what was then and is still known as the American Block.

Of the lawyers then practicing in Buffalo, I can recall the names of but four now surviving, viz., James O. Putnam, whom you will be delighted to hear this evening, and I trust for many years to come; the Hon. James M. Smith, Hon. Nelson K. Hopkins and George B. Hibbard. Of the students then engaged in reading law in the office of Fillmore & Haven there were

Lucien Hawley, E. C. Sprague, William Marsh and Millard Powers Fillmore. Of these only one, Mr. Hawley, now survives. It may be possible that Mr. Hawley was then already admitted to the bar, and was simply staying in the office to finish up certain matters with which he was particularly acquainted, but when I entered the office, however, I recollect finding him there, and of his remarking to me that I had better take charge of their books of account, which he was then engaged in posting.

The firm of Fillmore & Haven ranked among the ablest and best law firms in the western part of the State, and the volume of business they were doing was very large. Offices of that date were destitute of all conveniences and elegance that are now to be found in first-class offices. The main office in question was about thirty feet front and extended about sixty feet in length, divided in the center. Each office had a counsel room and store room. Mr. Fillmore occupied the rear office, and Mr. Haven and the clerks the front office. Mr. Fillmore, when at work in his office, wore a long, padded morning gown, falling half way below the knee. Both Mr. Fillmore and Mr. Haven were in the habit of working in their office evenings until about ten o'clock, and the students were generally expected to be on hand, either reading or copying. Mr. Fillmore had on his table at night two lamps burning sperm oil, and he occasionally protected his eyes by a green shade. The office was warmed by two large cast iron box stoves, one in each room, burning wood for fuel.

When I entered the office Mr. Fillmore was away, and remained away for a week or ten days attending a term of the Supreme Court. Upon his return he mentioned the fact that by his absence the students had missed two of his examinations, and that he intended to make them up to the boys, and then appointed that evening for one of them, which was the first in which I took part.

At a quarter past seven that evening Mr. Fillmore was seated in his office in his swivel chair, with two lamps burning behind him and the five students sitting in a half circle in front of him. He would commence with the student sitting at one end of the class and enquire what he had been reading since the last examination, and whether he had met with anything in his reading which he desired to have explained. On the evening in question Mr. Sprague said he had been reading Practice on Appeals, and was not sure that he fully understood the distinction between going up on a case, or bill of exceptions, or a case containing exceptions, whereupon Mr. Fillmore fully explained the three courses and then examined the several students upon the subject just explained. We adjourned at half past ten, and we had a most agreeable evening; as for myself, I had learned more law than I had acquired during all the time I had been reading. And what was more, I had

the opportunity of taking the measurement of the mental equipment or calibre of each fellow student with whom I was thereafter to associate

To give you a better idea of Mr. Fillmore's examinations and lectures, I have heard him relate a story of Aaron Burr's sharp practice; of the Member of Congress who was a strict Constitutionalist, and being sick, Mr. Fillmore called to see him, when upon Mr. Fillmore's leaving, he remarked, "Now, Mr. Fillmore, if I should die, do not let them bury me in the Congressional Burying Ground, it would not be constitutional; Congress had no right to buy land for a burying ground." He told the story of the ready wit of one of our ministers abroad, who, during the administration of Jackson, received a call from a high functionary of the Government and was told that the King was about writing General Jackson an autograph letter, and he desired to know whether General Jackson would prefer to have it written in French or Latin; to which our minister replied: "Tell the King to consult his own taste, as General Jackson understands one just as well as the other."

Mr. Fillmore was tenderly alive to everything that would advance the interest of his students or improve them in their profession, morals or manly bearing.

One spring morning when he came into the office, he remarked to me: "Last evening as I was taking a ride with Mrs. Fillmore, we saw you and Powers walking out on Main Street and going as though you were walking on a wager; that is undignified and unprofessional." The same day Powers told me his father had made the same observation to him.

In those early days Saratoga and the Falls were the main summer resorts; so that Congressmen and statesmen with whom he was acquainted would make it a point to call upon him at his office, when on their way to the Falls. The first time I saw Thurlow Weed was when Mr. Fillmore brought him into the students' office and introduced him to each of us.

When the fact came to Mr. Fillmore's notice that the State of New York was then publishing, at the expense of several hundred thousands of dollars, the "Natural History of New York," and selling the same for one or two dollars per volume, he mentioned the fact to the students, described its merits, so that those who had a taste that way, and the funds, could secure a copy at that nominal price. When Mr. Fillmore received a letter from Zachary Taylor, congratulating himself upon being nominated upon a ticket with Mr. Fillmore (this was when Mr. Fillmore was still comptroller, but was at the old office on a visit), Mr. Fillmore showed it to all the students in the office, as in earlier days. The fact was, that no man took more delight, and would do more and go further to make those around him happy, than Millard Fillmore.

I never go to my office library and take from the shelf "Smith on Con-

tracts," an English work first published in this country in 1846 or 1847, but it revives old memories and I find "old tunes my heart is playing," and I see Mr. Fillmore with the same springy step, the same cheerful countenance which he always wore, bidding me good morning, and taking from under his arm a copy of that book, laying it upon my table, saying he had just finished it last evening, and brought it down for me to read and adding, it was the ablest, clearest and best work on that subject that he had ever read, and to lay aside the other books I was then reading, until I had finished that. I might go on and relate many more instances of this character, but I will close these narrations by saying that, to me, "his coming was a gladness." All of his students could relate instances of the same character pertaining to themselves. I never heard him swear or tell a smutty story, or use a cross or impatient word, and what I have often wondered at is, that I never heard him quote a line of poetry in his conversation, or in his speeches.

When I entered the office as a student, I was told that the sweeping of the office, the building of fires, and the filling of lamps and care of the same fell to the youngest student. That duty I performed for nine or ten months while no new student made his appearance, and I almost became a Millerite by singing the old song I used to hear them sing in my youthful days:

"Fly swift around, ye wheels of time, and bring the welcome day."

At last he made his appearance. He came from the Falls. Mr. William E. Woodruff was his name, and I greeted him most cordially. He was quite good looking and was told his duties. He carried the letters to the post-office twice or three times a day, and brought up the mail, filled and trimmed the lamps, etc. After a month or two he got tired, sickened of the job, and came to a dead stop. Mr. Fillmore, one afternoon, was sitting at his table with his office gown on, when he called out: "There are several letters in the letter box which should be taken to the post-office at once in order to have them go off by the four o'clock mail." After a little time Mr. Fillmore called out again that "there are only a few minutes left to get those letters into the post-office." I looked at Woodruff, but he stirred not, and I felt I had graduated at that business and remained passive. Mr. Fillmore rose up, and with a sprightly step hung up his working gown, put on his dress coat and came into our room, took the letters, and with his usual dignity, but a little more haste than usual, started for the post-office. He must have made pretty good time, for he soon reappeared at the office, and addressing us, said: "Boys, I don't think the stairs have been swept down for two weeks, they are very dirty; any lady coming up these stairs would soil her dress. I wish one of you would take the broom and sweep them down." Thereupon he withdrew to his own room. I remained quiet, having served my time at that work,

and I felt that I was entitled to a full discharge. The other students not showing any movement in that line, Mr. Fillmore hung up his dress coat, put on his working gown, took a broom and started in sweeping the hall and stairs from top to bottom. Like everything which Mr. Fillmore undertook, this duty was performed thoroughly, and the hall and stairs were well and thoroughly cleaned. Upon his return to our room with his working gown still on, and with broom in hand, he paused and addressing me, said: "Mr. Day, you have been here a long time, and I observe that things do not go on as formerly," and referred to the letters and sweeping of the hall and stairs; "can you tell me the cause?" To this I replied: "Yes, Mr. Fillmore I can. When I came into this office I was told that the work of sweeping out the office each morning, making fires, filling and trimming lamps, etc., fell upon the youngest student, and that work I have performed for nine or ten months. When Mr. Woodruff came into the office as a clerk he was told the same thing, and entered upon the performance of the same duties I had taken charge of so long, and I supposed I had thus earned a full and complete discharge from further performance of those duties. Mr. Woodruff, after performing that work for five or six weeks, got heartily sick of it, and refuses to do it any longer." Mr. Fillmore's reply to this was: "It is more than one clerk should be called upon to perform; all of you clerks are paid by the firm two dollars a week, except my son Powers, and I am willing that my son should share the work equally with the others, and that one student should perform that work for a month, and then another should take it." To that I quickly replied: "Mr. Fillmore, that would have been a very good rule had you started in with it when I first came into this office nine or ten months ago. I have performed my work under an entirely different understanding, and it looks like an attempted imposition upon me to ask me now to come in and share equally with the other clerks in the performance of this work."

At that moment, Mr. Haven, who had been out trying a cause, returned with his papers, and upon opening the door was struck with the strange spectacle that presented itself to his sight. There stood Mr. Fillmore arrayed in his working gown, with broom in hand, addressing the meeting. Mr. Haven's quick eye and appreciation for the ludicrous was aroused, and he asked with a look of astonishment, "What's up now?" Mr. Fillmore proceeded to explain. To all this Mr. Haven replied: "I have often said to you, Mr. Fillmore, that I thought Mr. Day was as good a clerk as we ever had, but so far as I am concerned, if we cannot get along without this trouble, I would rather discharge the whole lot of clerks, and make a new deal," and throwing his papers on the desk went to work, while the rest of the company resumed their old positions.

Drawing no great consolation from this interview, I at once proceeded to

make up affidavits of all declarations and orders which I had served and write up the Law Register. That evening I came back to the office and posted up the account books of the firm, and the next morning swept out the office and put that in order, went down to the post-office and brought up the mail. Mr. Fillmore by this time had got seated at his office table at work. I bade him good morning and, handing him the mail, said: "Mr. Fillmore, have you concluded that I must hereafter take my turn with the other clerks in sweeping and doing the office drudgery, for if you have, I have made up my mind to quit and seek other quarters?" He replied that he had not talked with Mr. Haven on the subject, but would do so as soon as he came back. Shortly after Mr. Haven made his appearance, and Mr. Fillmore called him into his room. When Mr. Haven came out from that interview, he came to me and said he was sorry for the condition of things, and I might write myself in a credit on the books of the firm to satisfy me and compensate me for my extra labor. That I refused to do, and so he wrote in a fair sum, and said the side room off of the front office, which had formerly been fitted up and furnished, and occupied by one of the clerks for a bed-room, was again to be occupied by one of them, who would attend the office, the building of the fires, etc., and he thought thereafter I would have no cause to complain. So I remained and had no cause to regret it.

And here let me speak of Mr. Haven's thoughtfulness and kindness. I had not been in the office a month when there was laid on my table to be copied a Bill in Chancery and answer, covering over three hundred folios; when I had copied about one-third, Mr. Haven discovered it and asked me what I was copying, and when I told him, he with some little indignation said: "I don't want you to copy any more of those papers; give the balance over to Mr. Ross to copy, he was hired for the sole purpose of copying." He continued, "I often feel pains in my back even now, owing to overwork in copying deeds in the Clerk's Office when at your age."

After the question which arose about the clerk's work had been disposed of, I thought I detected in Mr. Fillmore's intercourse with me a little coolness and reserve, which I had not noticed before, but my mind was soon disabused of that impression.

In the fall of 1846 Mr. Fillmore was nominated by the Whig Party as a candidate for State Comptroller. Two years before he ran for Governor of the State and was defeated. During that election the "search lights" of the Democratic Party were turned full upon him, but they failed to disclose a blot or blemish upon his character, and though defeated, he stood higher than before in the affection of his party, and had the respect of all the citizens of the State. He was triumphantly elected Comptroller. Shortly after his election he made a visit to Albany to secure apartments for himself and family,

and take a survey of the Comptroller's Office, of which he was soon to take charge.

Mr. Fillmore was absent on this visit some time, and when he returned he appeared considerably elated. He could not well feel otherwise, by reason of the reception which he received on all hands while at the capital. He plainly saw in that light that henceforth his life was not to be passed in the practice of law, but in the full blaze of public life, where he was to be a prominent actor.

Upon his return he sought to close out all his law matters and dispose of his law library to his partner, Mr. Haven. The sale of his law library was as funny as a circus. I had made out a list of his books, and he and Mr. Haven had examined it and negotiated for their sale for some considerable time, but a difference of twenty-five cents a volume still separated them, when Mr. Fillmore said: "Mr. Haven, to settle this matter let us flip a cent; if it comes up head, you will pay me my price, if tail, you can have them at your price." "Agreed," said Mr. Haven. Mr. Fillmore commenced walking the floor and feeling in his pockets for the desired cent, at last produced it (one of those large, old fashioned cents) and said: "Haven, here's a go." "No! No!" replied Mr. Haven, and hurriedly making his way in front of Mr. Fillmore, said: "Mr. Fillmore, you have been spending the last three weeks down at Albany with a political gang of cunning politicians, just long enough to learn their ways and tricks, and I want to examine that cent, to see if you have not got a double header." Haven took the cent and after a careful examination handed it back. Fillmore smiled, Haven's countenance was unchanged, but the rest of the company laughed heartily. The cent came up heads, and the bargain was closed.

Mr. Fillmore's residence on Franklin Street was to be rented furnished, so he took William H. Andrews, one of the clerks, with him to make an inventory of the books. When they returned with the list Mr. Andrews had a copy of "Gil Blas," which Mr. Fillmore gave him, finding the library contained duplicates. Mr. Fillmore remarked that John Quincy Adams once said he had made it a point to read "Gil Blas" through once a year, and that he never read it through without new delight and increased knowledge.

Shortly after this commendation of "Gil Blas," in looking over some old speeches and documents in the office, I chanced to take up a speech of John Quincy Adams, made in Congress in defence of certain provisions of a bill to which some member had taken exceptions. Mr. Adams in reply said it reminded him of a story told by the author of "Gil Blas," of some clerk who lived to be thirty odd years old before falling in love; at that age men are more careful and circumspect in such matters than they are at twenty or twenty-five. To arrive at a just estimate of the lady's merits he opened

a credit and debit account in her name; on the credit side of which he set down her merits, and on the debtor side he had charged up her defects, and found on striking a balance her merits greatly exceeded her defects. But still he was fearful that his posting might be incorrect, so he called on a married man and requested him to examine the account and see if his posting was correct. The first charge which met the married man's attention on the debtor side was: "She is slow in speech." The married man expressed the greatest astonishment at the charge, and remarked that before he had been married six months he would change that on the credit side and thank Heaven. Adams claimed that before the law had been in operation six months, the gentleman objecting would change the objection to hearty approval.

When Mr. Fillmore and Mr. Andrews returned to the office from making a list of the private library, Mr. Fillmore said to Mr. Andrews that, while at the Comptroller's Office in Albany, he found he would have at his disposal a clerkship which carried a very nice salary, that would just suit Mr. Andrews and keep him in touch with the profession, and bring him in contact with some of the best lawyers all over the State. The clerkship related to the cancellation of irregular and void taxes. It would also leave him some time to read law, if so disposed, then when he was admitted, it would enable him to purchase a nice library and be independent. Mr. Andrews promptly accepted the position. He discharged the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all concerned, and continued in the same position under Washington Hunt, who was Mr. Fillmore's successor in that office. Above all this appointment was made by Mr. Fillmore when there was no civil service rule to forbid it. I mentioned this appointment of Mr. Andrews in corroboration of the statement made a little while ago, that with Mr. Fillmore it seemed to be a study and a pleasure for him to lend a helping hand to the young and deserving struggling for a position in life.

It was now fast approaching the time when Mr. Fillmore was to take his departure for the capital, and there assume the duties of his new office. On a Saturday afternoon he came to my table and stated to me that Mr. Charles D. Norton had applied to him to give him the agency of all his business in the city, and that Mr. E. C. Sprague had also made the same request, but that upon reflection he had concluded to place all his matters in my hands and constitute me his agent, if I would accept it; but that he could not pay a large commission. I thanked him, and the next day made out a list of his bonds and mortgages, amounting to upwards of \$30,000. He owned the homestead on Franklin Street, now occupied by Mrs. Gay; two houses on Seneca Street, one of which was occupied by Mr. Baker, the father of our worthy postmaster; the other I rented to Captain Charles L. Gager. He

also owned a vacant lot on the northwest corner of Main and Tupper Streets, where he expected to have erected a dwelling for himself. This vacant lot was sold during my agency to the late Henry Martin.

Having been admitted to the bar in 1848, I opened an office in the "Old Post-Office Buildings," as now called, but at that time the only post-office we had. I wrote Mr. Fillmore of my admission and intention to open an office for myself, and therein suggested that it might have been on account of my being a student in Mr. Haven's office, and the further fact that I would probably remain with him until I was admitted, that induced him to make me his agent, and that I was ready, upon an intimation from him, to pass his mortgages, etc., over to Mr. Haven or anyone else whom he might designate. Mr. Fillmore promptly replied that I was mistaken, that he constituted me his agent because he knew his matters in my hands would be faithfully attended to, and when I removed to my new office to take his safe and mortgages along with me, which I did.

In November, 1848, Mr. Fillmore was elected Vice-President on the ticket with Zachary Taylor. Thereupon, Mr. Fillmore sent in his resignation as comptroller, to take effect February 1, 1849. The political changes in the life of Mr. Fillmore, now taking place so suddenly, brought his family back to their old homestead on Franklin Street, and sent Mr. Fillmore on to Washington to preside over the Senate as Vice-President.

About this time, while spending an evening with Miss Fillmore in the library, the door bell rang, and a couple of gentlemen were ushered in and seated in the drawing-room; after a pause of a few minutes, no cards having been brought for Miss Fillmore, she concluded that the call was intended for her mother, and our conversation was resumed. But in about twenty minutes or so Mrs. Fillmore opened the library door and walked in, bidding me good evening, came and seated herself by my side and said she came to consult with me. She then said that the Mayor of Buffalo, Judge H. K. Smith, had called, and some other high functionary of some Canadian railroad, just completed, was with him. They announced that preparation was being made for a grand opening to take place at Hamilton, Canada, in the near future, and their object in calling was to obtain her promise that she would attend the opening, so that the public could be assured that the wife of the Vice-President of the United States would honor the occasion with her presence, and the Mayor promised to escort her over and back and see that she was properly cared for. When I looked into her face I could hardly keep from laughing, for it was plain to be seen that she took in the humor of the whole thing. She closed by saying, "Had I better attend?" After some consideration, she went back and said that she had taken counsel on the subject and could not attend. It was not long after that when the front door

closed, and Mrs. Fillmore came back and joined us. It was plain to be seen that she was in the best of spirits; indeed, she sought to make her home the seat of every intellectual pleasure, and those about her happy. With the poet she claimed

"The world has nothing to bestow,
From our ownselves our joys must flow,
And they are fools who roam."

Speaking of their library, she said Mr. Fillmore never went to New York without bringing home a few books with him, and was often followed or preceded by a package sent by express. She said that when the overflow of books greatly exceeded her spare shelf room she would send for Staats or Hersee and have a new section built on to the case. You could see it was a pleasure for Mrs. Fillmore to receive the new books and provide for their suitable shelter.

Mrs. Fillmore's maiden name was Powers, and she was related to the great Leland family, that embraced several thousand within its lines. Her friends, it was said, objected to her marrying Mr. Fillmore, but she did not heed their admonition. Somewhere near twenty years had passed away, when Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore received an invitation to attend a gathering of the great family of Lelands, at some city within this State. I saw that the invitation created more than ordinary feelings in both of them. All due preparations were made, and the time for departure arrived. Mr. Fillmore was forty-five or forty-six years of age at that time, in the pride of manly beauty, his wife was a year or two his senior, but no one would have suspected it, as she then appeared in the very perfection of womanhood. The Leland family numbered several thousands. I think there were between one and two thousand who made their appearance in that assembly. It would have been an inspiring scene for a painter to mark their entry in that congregation, with the glow of triumph on their cheeks. Mr. Fillmore's name was a household word in most of the families of this State, and in that assembly he was voted the "noblest Roman of them all." That trip for a long time afterwards furnished a favorite subject for conversation by the firesides of both parties.

In 1851, having formed a co-partnership with W. H. Andrews, an old fellow student and finding that my business would take me to New York in January, 1852, I concluded when the business was closed, if everything was propitious, I would go on to Washington and visit the family and see the sights at the capital, indulging the belief that I could never visit it under more favorable auspices than during Mr. Fillmore's term of office. Concluding my business in New York, I started for Washington, and arrived there about the 8th of January, 1852. I called on Mr. Fillmore the same day of my

arrival, and was received very cordially, and was invited to dine with the family. At dinner Mr. Fillmore mentioned the fact that he and Mrs. Fillmore did not attend parties or balls; that pleasure was reserved for the younger members of the family. He mentioned the fact that on the next night or two there was to be a great ball, where the best families of Washington would be seen, and thereupon directed Powers to go with me in the morning and introduce me to one of the managers of the ball, so that I could secure a ticket, and that I could escort Abby, and Powers could accompany a lady visiting them, and all go in the family carriage. We all attended as arranged by Mr. Fillmore and had a very pleasant time. A day or two after this Mr. Fillmore remarked that Mrs. Webster's party would take place on such an evening, and turning to Powers told him to enclose my card with his to Mrs. Webster, which would secure me an invitation to her party which I could attend as before with Abby, while Powers could accompany the visiting guest. The invitation came, and then I saw the great Daniel Webster in his own home. In the same manner we attended a party given by the wife of the Postmaster General, suggested and planned by Mr. Fillmore. On another occasion, while at the White House, he said to me that Daniel Webster, his Secretary of State, told him he was to argue a case in the Supreme Court of the United States on a certain day, and remarked to me while there, I ought to get admitted to that court and that Powers would take me over to the court in the morning, and introduce me to Mr. Webster, and have him make the motion for my admission, and then turning to me Mr. Fillmore said: "It will be no little honor to be admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States on motion of the Honorable Daniel Webster." I remained in Washington until after both Houses of Congress adjourned on the 4th of March, 1852, and afterwards accompanied Mrs. Fillmore, her daughter and son to New York.

I have recited a few of the many favors I have received at the hands of Millard Fillmore, which made me acknowledge my indebtedness to him, greater than to any other man living or dead.

I think it was Plutarch, who, speaking of such acts and incidents in the life of a great man, says they often give us a better insight into the true character of the man than is found in elaborate biographies. "'Tis only noble to be good."

I think it was Alexander Hamilton, who, in speaking of John Adams, says: "He was always honest, sometimes able, but always mad." If we look at Millard Fillmore in those three conditions or relations of life, we find him always scrupulously honest. He never would permit anyone to credit him for more than he actually was entitled to. As Chancellor of the Buffalo Medical College, when he came to confer the degrees and present diplomas

to the members of the first graduating class, the Faculty begged of him to make the presentation speech in Latin, and they kindly wrote out the formula for him in Latin. "No! No!" said Mr. Fillmore, "I don't understand Latin, and if I make the presentation speech, it must be in English," and it was so made. "Paint me as I am," said Cromwell.

When Commodore Perry brought home, on his return from his famous expedition to Japan, a cask of wine which he had purchased at the Island of Madeira, for Mr. Fillmore, it was told him it would be unnecessary for him to pay duty upon it, the same coming in a warship and not in a merchantman. Mr. Fillmore shook his head and said: "No, not for me, I pay the same duties that are charged by law to any other of our citizens." Measured by that old and reliable stand, he was entitled to be called "the noblest work of God."

He was always able; every duty which fell to his lot to perform was discharged with dignity, grace and ability.

When South Carolina became indignant upon Mr. Fillmore sending a fleet to Charleston Harbor, and officially questioned him as to his object and authority in so doing, the answer came prompt and to the point: "By virtue and authority of the Constitution of the United States, which has made the President Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and who recognizes no responsibility for his official action to the Governor of South Carolina."

One can readily see, if it did not fall to our lot to see Mr. Fillmore get mad on any occasion, from the above crisp answer, sent to the Governor of South Carolina, behind that smiling face and courteous bearing there slumbered a world of latent passion and of power like the fires in the furnace of a great ship at rest, banked and watched, ready at call.

LETTERS.

TESTIMONY, TRIBUTE AND REMINISCENCE FROM FRIENDS UNABLE TO BE
PRESENT ON "FILLMORE EVENING."

FROM JAMES K. HOSMER.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., December 7, 1898.

Andrew Langdon, Esq., President of the Buffalo Historical Society:

DEAR SIR:—I am very happy to write you a letter about Mr. Fillmore. While there must be many still living who remember far more about him than I do, I may possibly be able to add a touch or two to the picture you are trying to make of your old president and founder.

My father came to Buffalo in 1836, finding, I think Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore already in the Unitarian Church; at any rate he stood to them very early in

the relation of pastor. I well remember Mr. Fillmore in his best years ; so, too, his excellent wife. I remember the son, Mr. Powers Fillmore, as he was just emerging from boyhood ; and the daughter, Miss Abby, the strong and beautiful girl who died of cholera upon the threshold of womanhood. For thirty years the relations of my father and mother with the Fillmores were intimate and cordial ; at no time was there any break in the friendship. "The thing that I have against you," said a brusque and candid friend to my father once, "is that you did not drive the man who signed the Fugitive Slave Law out of your congregation." My father was unflinching and outspoken in his anti-slavery views, though indeed he could never stand with those whose motto was that the Constitution of the United States "was a covenant with Death and an agreement with Hell." If he failed to drive Mr. Fillmore out of his congregation, it was not because he was at all reticent before the President. He not only spoke his disapproval of the President's policy, but emphasized it in deed, voting squarely against Mr. Fillmore when he came up as a candidate for a second term. It is a fact most creditable to Mr. Fillmore that he was not estranged by his pastor's honest disapproval, never withdrawing his friendship even in the face of differences so grave ; as on the other hand it is creditable to the minister that he recognized and did justice to substantial goodness in his parishioner, even while in the difficult crisis he seemed to swerve.

When Mr. Fillmore died, Dr Hosmer, then a pastor in Massachusetts, spoke of him as follows : "Friends, my heart turns to its old home at Buffalo, and to the late departures there of President Fillmore and his Postmaster General, Nathan K. Hall. I knew them well, my parishioners as they were for thirty years. I did not always agree with their policy. I dissented utterly from the Fugitive Slave Bill which was put forward in hope to save the country from Civil War, Mr. Fillmore saying to me when I protested against it, 'It is better to do that than that half the nation should be butchered.' They erred. It was terrible for Mr. Fillmore to come to the head of the Government at that time. He meant to be fair ; though the South was imperious, he would do them justice. He dreaded war ; by any and every means he would save his country from such calamity as war must bring. When Congress by a large majority passed the Fugitive Slave Bill, then for the sake of peace he thought it best to sign it. Now all can see, and some saw it then, it was only postponing the horror. But I know Mr. Fillmore was honest, unspotted by corruption, and never thought of the nation's capital as a place to make money or satisfy selfish ambition. No goods of the nation clung to him ; his hands were clean. Integrity and economy kept him safe. A letter that he wrote to me, when he suddenly found himself at the head of the Government, reveals the strong earnestness with which he

took up his great duty. In serious words he said how deep he felt his dependence on God, and with all his heart sought His guidance. His domestic character was quite remarkable. He loved his home. When absent at Albany or later at Washington, he wrote a letter to his wise and excellent wife every day. Once she said she was not receiving her daily letter, for her husband, being the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, found time to write only every other day. A daily letter to a wife at home would do something to purify life at Washington."

Among my father's papers are interesting accounts of experiences in which Mr. Fillmore was a central figure. I quote the following passage from an old letter:

March 3rd, 1851, at Washington.

I find a world of things and people here, to be seen and studied, and I have had a fine opportunity. I have stayed with Judge Hall, Postmaster General, but am often at the President's quite familiarly. I have seen the lions; they are certainly not what at a distance they seem. I had the pleasure of waiting upon two aged men to Washington, my father-in-law, Reverend Dr. Kendall, of Plymouth, and Esquire Fillmore, father of the President. They both are more than eighty years old. On the journey, at one time, Mr. Fillmore told us of his early life in the woods; and how when Millard was born he went seven miles through the forest for a physician, and when he returned found the baby boy rocking in a sap trough for want of a better cradle.

When we reached Washington, Mr. Fillmore stepped into the President's carriage which was awaiting his arrival; and Dr. Kendall and I went to Judge Hall's. Finding that the President's last reception for the season was to be that evening, we hastened to be there. As we entered the reception room, we saw the President with his Cabinet and his family, his father at his side. As soon as we had been cordially received, Dr. Kendall drew me aside and whispered, "Was there ever since the world began such a contrast as that group and the baby in the sap trough?" It was indeed a contrast. The President was a handsome man in the prime of life, of fine bearing. His father was venerable, tall and not much bowed down by his eighty years. His full grey hair and intelligent face at once drew attention, and he stood there by his son as no other father then had done, as calm and self-possessed as in his Justice's Court in some log cabin of Western New York. I was to be in Washington a few weeks, and Esquire Fillmore was to return home with me, but one day I met him, and he said, "I am going home to-morrow." I said, "But why not wait for me?" "No, no," he said, "I will go. I do not like it here; it isn't a good place to live; it isn't a good place for Millard. I wish he were at home in Buffalo."

About this time an incident occurred, which again can best be given in my father's words. Writing from Buffalo, he says:

My friends at Washington have been trying to make me independent in pecuniary affairs, and how do you think they propose to do it? They have offered me a chaplaincy in the navy, which will give me eight hundred dollars a year, and I stay here and be pastor of my parish as now. Or, if I pleased, I might be appointed to some pleasant squadron service for a year, see the world, and have a respite, receiving the full pay of a chaplain, some fifteen hundred dollars a year. But I have declined. I have but one short life to give to any service, and I shall not give that to the army or navy. Nor will I have my name upon the rolls of the navy, though by suffering even this I might never go near a ship of war and get eight hundred dollars, at least during this administration. I do not expect to do my country any signal service, but I will not take public money for doing nothing. I suppose my friends think me a fool; well, I can bear that.

At this time Dr. Hosmer was nearly or quite a professor of peace principles, though later when the Civil War broke out, he gave them up. His salary barely supported his family; his own health he felt to be insecure; five children, the oldest just ready to go to Cambridge, were to be educated and started in life. The opportunity offered by Mr. Fillmore was sacrificed without a moment's hesitation, greatly to the disgust of many of Dr. Hosmer's best friends, who felt that he was much too punctilious. It is to the credit of Mr. Fillmore, however, that he saw and respected thoroughly this sacrifice of advantage to a spirit of independence and high sense of duty. The rejection of this office by Dr. Hosmer only called out from the President a stronger feeling of friendship and esteem.

Whenever he was in Buffalo, Mr. Fillmore was constant in his place at church, and it not infrequently happened that he brought with him distinguished company.

John Quincy Adams writes in his diary:

"Oct. 29th, 1843. Buffalo. Mr. Fillmore offered us seats in his pew at the Unitarian Church, which we accepted. The preacher was Mr. Hosmer; Matthew 6th, 31; an excellent and eminently practical sermon."

Still more memorable, early in 1861, Mr. Fillmore stood in his usual place, serene, clear-complexioned, with a courtly grace of bearing that had lately won admiration for him in the great courts of Europe, as it before had done in the White House. By his side stood a man, gaunt, angular, sallow, who, with melancholy face, bent reverently at the sound of prayer. The minister spoke with solemn words. Then coming from his pulpit, looked for a moment into the serious eyes of the visitor while he pressed his hand. It was Abraham Lincoln, passing on to the fulfillment of his stormy destiny; even while the tumultuous forces, which were to convulse the continent and accomplish at last his martyrdom, were beginning their thunderous outburst.

On October 16th of this same year, an incident occurred which made plain the strong regard which Mr. Fillmore bore toward his pastor. The Unitarian parish assembled to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Hosmer's settlement in Buffalo and Mr. Fillmore, in behalf of the Church, presented him with a service of silver. Pastor and parishioner had widely differed; the latter's public course had been disapproved; his well-intentioned kindness had been rejected; but Mr. Fillmore said: "This is but a slight testimony of our appreciation of your long, arduous and successful labors among us. I cannot enter into a detailed account of what you have done, nor of the beneficial influence you have exerted; but I must say that with a meek and unassuming Christian deportment, an unspotted reputation, and a disinterested benevolence, you have given your heart and soul to

every benevolent object, to every charitable establishment, and every literary enterprise. These works are held in grateful remembrance, and for them we delight to honor you. We have dwelt together in peace, sympathizing with each other, rejoicing in prosperity and mourning in adversity. It is impossible that this relation should have existed so long without creating on your part a tender pastoral regard for those over whose welfare you have watched with so much solicitude; and I am happy to be able to assure you that we reciprocate, with grateful hearts and filial affection, the warm attachment which you feel for us."

Mr. Fillmore's connection with the Unitarian church did not continue until the end of his life. His second wife was of another faith; and while it is probable that his own religious convictions underwent no change, the atmosphere of the Unitarian body became uncongenial to him. A large proportion of its most enterprising minds professed a radical political creed. "No compromise with slaveholders" was the watchword; all who were disposed to temporize were condemned, and the name of Mr. Fillmore, as a leader among those who had tried to pursue a middle course, was often a mark of execration. A suggestion that he should be invited to preside at a yearly meeting of the American Unitarian Association at Boston met with no favor; it was feared indeed that if he came it would be made the occasion of an outbreak of passionate disapproval. I think, however, that it was not until after Dr. Hosmer's departure from Buffalo, in 1866, that Mr. Fillmore withdrew. His personal regard for my father remained unbroken; and when some six or seven years later many friends expressed a desire that Dr. Hosmer might return, Mr. Fillmore was among those who stood ready to welcome him.

I do not know that I can say anything more. What I have narrated relates to my father's relation to Mr. Fillmore rather than my own. I began my course at Harvard a boy of seventeen, and after that time had knowledge of Buffalo only after long intervals and for short periods. While Mr. Fillmore's stately presence and genial manners are vivid in my recollection, I do not recall ever being in his home. I do not recall ever having conversed with him except in the way of an interchange of greetings—a good natured man giving a pleasant word to a small boy as he passed on his way. I believe him to have been a thoroughly worthy man. He may not have done the wisest thing in his difficult place. But we are to remember that the problem that confronted him is the most difficult that has ever confronted Americans—the establishment of a proper relation between white and black—a problem against which many reputations have undergone shipwreck—a problem at the present moment scarcely less pressing than it was fifty years

since, when Mr. Fillmore was in the fore-front of the strivers. I am heartily glad the Historical Society has it in mind to honor the memory of its first president, useful and able citizen that he was !

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES K. HOSMER.

FROM A. M. CLAPP.

1004 M ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18, 1898.

Andrew Langdon, Esq., President of the Buffalo Historical Society :

DEAR SIR :—I am in receipt of the following communication from you, under date of November 4, 1898 :

Hon. A. M. Clapp, Washington, D. C. :

MY DEAR MR. CLAPP :—At the next annual meeting of the Buffalo Historical Society, it is our purpose to give over a large part of the time to the memory of Millard Fillmore, who was one of the founders of this Society, and its first president. Through letters written by those who were the associates and the personal friends of President Fillmore, we hope to receive the fresh impressions of him in his every-day person. We want something more in the way of personal anecdotes, showing the nature and character of the man. Of his public services we now can read, but it is just the little characteristic anecdotes that hold the greatest interest.

If you can write something for us, we would be very glad to receive it by the 15th of December.

I think you may remember me as a former resident of Washington. Certainly I have very pleasant recollections of my meeting with you.

Very truly yours,

ANDREW LANGDON,

President.

This, sir, is an unexpected honor. Though I have known Ex-President Fillmore for more than three score years, as neighbor, partisan and friend, I count myself illy equipped to add any material of interest to the reminiscences that cover the period of a long and honored career that has filled a chapter in the history of our common country. I was in my 'teens, and a school-boy, when I began to know Millard Fillmore, in the village of Aurora, Erie County, N. Y., where he had been admitted to the bar, and had entered in the contest that eventuated some twenty years later in his occupying the Executive Chair of this nation. Our paths were lined in devious directions. His led through the labyrinths of the legal profession, while I was following, in a humble way, the paths that led Benjamin Franklin to the sphere of American statesmanship that brought success to his career.

Ex-President Fillmore and myself subsequently became neighbors and friends in the city of Buffalo, where we had our homes until 1869, when I was called to Washington to follow the patron saint of the art of print-

ing, in the service of my Government. I allude to this here, only to show what opportunities I have had for knowing President Fillmore as well as others could know him, as a neighbor and friend, who followed him as implicitly in his earlier political career as his shadow followed his body.

You ask me to furnish you some characteristic anecdotes or recollection of him that will furnish a reflex of his every-day life. In this I have no resource of record or memory. Mr. Fillmore, for all the years I knew him, was pursuing the even tenor of his way by a sober and sedate path, which ever found him complacent, courteous and affable as a companion, and yet he never sought those ways that led into the lines of anecdotes or jokes to amuse friends, or witticisms that would win *éclat*. He sought to secure his ends by those agencies that appeal to the sober judgments and not the passions of his fellow-men. His personal and intimate friends were not numerous. He never sought applause that was vociferous, but such as came of his own sedate judgment, with that he was always content.

I cannot call up in recollection an instance in which he resorted to anecdote, or a joke, or a sparkling repartee for effect's sake. His hilarity was never of a boisterous character. I cannot call the time when he indulged in laughter that would disturb the proprieties and harmonies of the most delicate occasion. He was ever courteous towards an adversary, and in all his private life or public career I cannot recollect the time when he did not fill the rôle of an American gentleman.

I have heard it said of him that when his law firm of Fillmore, Hall & Haven were in their heyday of prosperity, in the line of their profession as successful lawyers, an occasion occurred in which Judge Talcott, who was an inveterate joker, attempted to make Mr. Fillmore a party to a lively anecdote, but without success. A suit was on in court, in which Mr. Fillmore was interested and had taken some part earlier in the trial. A noted barrister by the name of Sherwood—I think he was called Tom, for short, and counted as a sort of bull-dog in the profession—was against Mr. Fillmore, who had opened the case. Mr. Sherwood indulged in the remark that his adversaries had played out their right bower in the case. This allusion attracted Mr. Fillmore's attention, and he turned to Mr. Talcott near him with the inquiry, "What does Mr. Sherwood mean by that remark?" The Judge attempted to enlighten the innocence of Mr. Fillmore by saying, "Don't you know that is a term used in a game of euchre? and it means the greatest knave in the deck." Mr. Fillmore turned blandly away, and sought no further enlightenment on the national game.

It may not be out of place here to call your attention to the part Ex-President Fillmore bore in the War of 1861 to 1865. He was then living in his palatial home in your city in the quiet of private life, surrounded by all that

man wants here below, but his country was at war within itself. The Union was in peril, but his services were not required to preserve its life. This, however, did not deter him from seeking a line of duty under volunteer service. A meeting of some 130 citizens was called, and the Buffalo Union Continentals was organized as a home guard to provide against any exigency that might arise from local causes. The organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: Captain, Millard Fillmore; 1st Lieutenant, Nathan K. Hall; 2d Lieutenant, Cyrus P. Lee; Ensign and Color Bearer, A. M. Clapp.

This organization survived the War, and then was numbered among the past. But while it lived it performed funeral rites over the remains of Gen. D. D. Bidwell, whose remains now rest in Forest Lawn.

When President Lincoln was assassinated, his remains passed through your city *en route* to Springfield, Ill., for burial.

To the Union Continentals was consigned the honorable part of serving as body-guard to the President's remains while they were detained in that city. Ex-President Fillmore continued in command of the Union Continentals up to the day of his death. The roster of the company has but few names that have not been numbered with the great majority.

I introduce this incident into this paper lest it might be overlooked otherwise, and I know that if Ex-President Fillmore were living he would continue his identity with this organization in history as well as while living. I may be mistaken, but I entertain the belief that I am the only survivor of the Union Continentals, and when I count my years on the calendar, I am admonished that I shall soon be counted among the great majority on the other side of the river.

Truly yours,

A. M. CLAPP.

MR. FILLMORE AND THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

BALTIMORE, November 14, 1898.

Andrew Langdon, Esq., President Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 8th instant, in which you state that the Buffalo Historical Society will at its next annual meeting pay a tribute to the memory of Millard Fillmore, its first president, and ask us to contribute any notes or facts in our possession which may be apropos to the occasion.

Mr. Fillmore was elected an Honorary Member of this Society on June 5, 1851, whilst President of the United States, and continued on the rolls of the Society until his death.

The bust in plaster which we possess was received by the Society June 4, 1857, from Mr. Samuel K. George, one of its members, now long since deceased. If there was a letter accompanying the gift it has disappeared from the files.

From Mr. Samuel K. George, son of the deceased donor of the bust, I have the following memorandum :

[COPY.]

In May, 1855, I crossed the ocean with my father, the late Saml. K. George, in the Collins Line Steamer "Atlantic," Capt. West. My room-mate was the late Enoch Pratt, and among the passengers were Col. Sam. Colt and Hon. Millard Fillmore. During the winter of '55 and '56 Mr. Fillmore visited Rome, and was introduced by my father to the studio of Bartholomew, the American artist. Mr. Fillmore sat for his bust; the original I suppose must be in the possession of his family, and my father ordered the plaster cast which he sent to the Maryland Historical Society. Mr. Fillmore was strikingly like Pope Pius IX., and their resemblance was a subject of pleasant comment during his private interview with his Holiness *Pio Nino*. I have written this at the suggestion of Mr. Wm. B. Wilson to aid Mr. Cohen in his reply to the Buffalo Society.

(SAML. K. GEORGE.)

I presume the original bust, of which ours is but a cast, must be within your reach at or near Buffalo.

If not, and you desire a photograph of it, it will give me pleasure to have it made for you.

Very truly yours,

MENDES COHEN,

Corresponding Secretary.

FROM SHELDON T. VIELE.

Andrew Langdon, Esq., President Buffalo Historical Society :

MY DEAR SIR:—I have few personal recollections of President Fillmore that would be interesting to those who did not know him. He was for many years the most prominent figure in Buffalo, conspicuous in every way, and all who knew him will remember his dignity and urbanity.

My first boyish recollection of him is of a time when I was home on a vacation and taken as a great treat to a club meeting of the then newly organized Historical Society. It was the custom for the members of the society to meet at the houses of its members at stated periods during the winter and have papers read before them on various historical subjects. On this occasion the meeting was at the house of Col. Bird, the subject was the Erie Canal, and the speaker was Prof. Evans, then of Hamilton College but previously of Buffalo. President Fillmore presided, as he did at almost all meetings held in Buffalo at that time. During the course of the paper the

speaker described the efforts of Governor Clinton to obtain some foreign engineers for the preliminary work, and stated that owing to the failure of his efforts the canal had to be "built by native genius." Mr. Fillmore not quite catching the sentence, here interrupted by asking in rather a peremptory manner, "Who did you say built the canal?" and the professor was obliged to explain that he said it was "built by native genius." The misunderstanding between the two, one speaking in a general way, while the other was seeking specific information, rather impressed my youthful observation.

There was one point in his character that perhaps may be worth noting; it was his strict and punctilious attention to all social requirements. He and Mrs. Fillmore were careful to accept all social invitations which it was possible for them to attend, and they always appeared among the first guests, remained a reasonable time and left at rather an early hour.

In the very early seventies we had for several winters a social club composed in about equal numbers of the older members of society, the young married people and the young people. This club met at the houses of the different members, and had informal parties which began early and broke up at a comparatively early hour. At least one of these meetings was held at President Fillmore's, and he and his wife were almost always present. His courtesy and attention to his wife were always marked, and some of us can remember more than once seeing him kneel before his wife and carefully adjust her overshoes on their way to their carriage. It used to be said by some of the older people that Queen Victoria had remarked when Mr. Fillmore was first presented to her that his manners were the most courtly and elegant of any American who had ever been presented to her.

I am sorry to say that it used to be a subject of some quiet amusement among the young people to see the number of busts and portraits of the Ex-President which were scattered through his house, and which Mrs. Fillmore, with natural pride, used to ask us to admire.

These are all trivial details, but they may serve to give an impression of one side of his character which would be lost in any survey of his achievements and life work.

Yours very truly,

SHELDON T. VIELE.

FROM NELSON K. HOPKINS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 7, 1893.

Andrew Langdon, President Buffalo Historical Society:

MY DEAR SIR:—It was my privilege for many years to enjoy a pleasant acquaintance with the Hon. Millard Fillmore. At one time we were associ-

ated as Trustees of the Grosvenor Library, and I knew him as a friend and neighbor. In appearance Mr. Fillmore was a tall, fine looking and dignified gentleman. In conversation he was most genial and entertaining, and his natural grace of manner was ever apparent.

Mr. Fillmore has many times recounted to me incidents of his early life. He was in every sense of the word a self-made man; up to his early manhood his education was of the most limited, and he had to rely entirely upon his own efforts, his father having met reverses to such an extent that the family was almost in actual want, yet within thirty years from that time Millard Fillmore occupied the highest position in the gift of man.

Before his election as Vice-President, Mr. Fillmore had served, with credit, several terms as a member of the New York State Legislature, and from 1830 to 1842 he represented us in Congress almost continuously. In 1847 he was elected State Comptroller; this was the first time that office had been filled by popular vote, and Mr. Fillmore resigned shortly thereafter to become Vice-President under old Gen. Taylor, who died within a few months, and Mr. Fillmore became President of the United States.

Mr. Fillmore was a man of rare integrity and of decided opinions, and once his mind was made up as to his duty, no power on earth could swerve him from it, and whatever the wisdom of his course as President may have been, no one has ever doubted his patriotism or that he did his full duty, faithfully as he saw it.

Very truly yours,

NELSON K. HOPKINS.

FROM MISS LUCY LORD.

President Fillmore was one of the founders of the Buffalo Society for the Protection of Animals, and contributed generously to its support.

I now recall an incident of President Fillmore's boyhood days as related by himself at one of the meetings of our Society. "When I was a thoughtless boy," said Mr. Fillmore, "I took the life of a mother bird. I remember my father was greatly grieved, and said, 'Millard, do you realize what you have done? You have taken the life of a mother, and have left her children to die of starvation in the nest. How would you like to have a great giant come along and kill your father and mother and leave you alone without food or care?' My father's rebuke sank so deeply into my heart that I never have since that day taken the life of a living creature."

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Board of Supervisors, Buffalo : 2 volumes.
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Brooks, Merritt, Buffalo : 3 papers.
Buck, George S., Buffalo : 4 copies *The Calendar*.

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- Buffalo Brewers' Association: 1 volume.
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- Buffalo Volksfreund Publishing Co.: *Buffalo Volksfreund* for 1898.
- Bull, Gen. William S., Buffalo: 1 volume.
- Bullymore, Richard, Jr., Buffalo: Carriage lamp, Taylor Hose Co., Bullymore case and collection.
- Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston, Mass.: 16 volumes, 9 pamphlets.
- Bureau of American Republics, Washington, D. C.: *Bulletins* for 1898.
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- Bushnell, Clarence M., Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
- Butler, E. H., Buffalo: 3 volumes, *Evening News* for 1897.
- Canada, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada: 1 volume.
- Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ont.: 8 pamphlets.
- Canisius College, Buffalo: 6 pamphlets.
- Chamberlain, William, Buffalo: piece Michigan wild-cat money.
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- Charity Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Buffalo: 1 pamphlet.
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- Chautauqua Society of History and Natural Sciences, Jamestown, N. Y.: Clipping.
- Chicago Academy of Sciences, Chicago, Ill.: 1 pamphlet.
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- Church of the Messiah, Literary Club of, Buffalo : 22 pamphlets.
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 Congdon, G. E., Waterman, Ill. : 3 pamphlets.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn. : 1 pamphlet.
 Conners, William J., Buffalo : *Courier and Enquirer* for 1898.
 Corcoran, William E., Buffalo : 5 pamphlets, 4 photographs.
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APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

APPROVED DEC. 10, 1896.

1. The Society shall consist of resident, corresponding and honorary members, and patrons who shall be elected by a majority of ballots of the Board of Managers at any meeting thereof; and of life members, as hereinafter provided. Resident members shall consist of persons residing in the city of Buffalo, or in Western New York; corresponding and honorary members, of persons residing elsewhere; patrons, of persons contributing \$2,500 to the building fund.

2. None but resident and life members shall be eligible to office or qualified to vote.

3. Resident members shall pay an admission fee of five dollars, and for each calendar year thereafter an annual due of five dollars, payable by or before the first day of April. The election of resident members shall confer no privilege of membership until after payment of the admission fee. Members neglecting to pay their annual dues before the first day of January next after the same become payable, shall thereby become ineligible for office until such time as the dues are paid. All members in arrears two or more years shall forfeit the right to vote at any of the meetings of the Society, and their membership may be terminated by the majority vote of the Board of Managers at any regular meeting. The President, with the consent of the Board of Managers or of the majority of the Committee on Membership, given in writing, may, upon the payment of a portion of the back dues of any member, remit the unpaid balance and restore the full privileges of such members.

4. The payment of one hundred dollars, at one time, for that purpose, shall constitute a life membership, exempt from all annual dues. The Board of Managers may confer life membership upon any person for valuable services rendered, or donations made to the Society.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of January in each year. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or the Secretary may direct the call of a special meeting at any time as hereafter provided, or as provided by law.

6. Those members who shall attend at any meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. All vacancies in office may be filled, for the unexpired term, by the Board of Managers.

8. The meeting of this Society and of the Board of Managers shall be held at the rooms of the Society, or at such other place as the President may appoint, and such hour as shall be designated by the Secretary in the notice of the meeting.

9. Notice of every meeting of the Board of Managers shall be given to the members thereof personally, or by postal card sent to their respective post-office addresses.

10. Special meetings of the Society, other than those regulated by statute, may be called at any time by the Board of Managers upon notice, stating the time, place and object thereof, given by publication in a daily newspaper, published in the city of Buffalo, at least five days prior to such meeting.

11. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, regulate its proceedings, preserve order and decorum, and have a casting vote. He shall also be the chairman of the Board of Managers.

12. The Vice-President shall discharge all the duties of the President in case of his absence.

13. The Secretary shall have the custody of the By-Laws and

records of the Society. He shall be the secretary of the Board of Managers, and keep a record of its proceedings and of the meetings of the Society, and shall have the custody of all letters and communications on the business of the Society, and shall read to the Board of Managers all communications received by him as such secretary. He shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, prepare all communications to be addressed to others in the name of the Society, and keep true copies of the same.

14. The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall have the custody of the library and cabinet, including all manuscripts, papers, documents, coins and maps, and shall, under the direction of the Board of Managers, provide cases suitable for their preservation, and for convenient reference and inspection. He shall keep a record of all donations and report the same from time to time to the Board of Managers.

15. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all securities and sums of money due and payable or belonging to the Society. He shall keep the funds of the Society on deposit to its credit in some safe institution or institutions, to be approved by the Board of Managers, to be disbursed or paid out only as they shall direct, on the written order or warrant of the president. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and render an annual statement thereof, and oftener if called upon by the Society or the Board of Managers. He may be required to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and form as the Board of Managers shall direct.

16. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society.

They shall make annually, on the second Tuesday of January, a report to the Society of its acquisitions and transactions for the preceding year.

17. All books, maps, manuscripts, and other articles belonging to the Society shall be plainly marked with the name of the

Society, and numbered, and entered in a catalogue arranged for convenient reference.

18. No books or other property of the Society shall be loaned or taken from the rooms except on the written order of the President, or, in case of his absence from the city or incapacity to act, on the written order of the Vice-President.

19. Any of these By-Laws may be suspended in case of a temporary exigency, by the Board of Managers. They may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of the Society, provided notice of the proposed amendment be given at least two weeks previous to a final vote thereon.

20. At a meeting of the Society, and (so far as may be applicable) at the meetings of the Board of Managers, the following shall be the order of business :

- I. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
- II. Reports of communications from the officers of the Society.
- III. Reports from Committees.
- IV. Election of Members.
- V. Miscellaneous business.

21. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers the President shall appoint from the Board of Managers the following Standing Committees, to consist of four members each, viz :

- I. On Finance.
- II. On the Library.
- III. On Buildings.
- IV. On Donations, Subscriptions and Collections.
- V. On Publications.
- VI. On Membership.
- VII. On Lectures and Receptions.

The President shall also be ex-officio a member of each of such committees.

22. The Board of Managers shall hold a meeting on the Thursday next after each annual election at 4 P. M. for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

23. The President shall be, ex-officio, Chairman of the Committee on Finance ; and it shall be the duty of such Committee to take the general charge and supervision of the books, accounts and reports of the Treasurer, and of the finances, receipts and expenditures of the Society. It shall also be its duty to consider and recommend all suitable measures to increase the revenues of the Society, and promote economy in its expenditures. It shall examine and report upon all accounts and claims against the Society, and upon all propositions for the appropriation or expenditure of its funds, when such propositions have not been reported upon, or made, by some other Committee of the Board.

24. The Committee on the Library shall have the general charge and supervision of the Library, and of all propositions and measures in regard to its increase, use and management ; or in regard to the procurement, exchange or other disposition of books, periodicals and pamphlets, or their binding. They shall cause a full and perfect catalogue of the books, periodicals and pamphlets belonging to the same to be made, and, from time to time, corrected, continued and kept, in order to facilitate reference thereto, and secure proper accountability therefor, and they also shall have the general charge and supervision of all the papers and other property of the Society which shall not be catalogued as a part of its Library. It shall be their duty to cause a full and perfect list or inventory of the same to be made, continued and kept ; and to propose to the Board, and carry into execution (after the approval of the Board of Managers has been obtained) such measures as may be deemed expedient for the classification, arrangement, care, preservation and security of such papers, or for obtaining papers or articles of historical or local interest for preservation by the Society.

25. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Buildings to procure a site and the funds for the erection of a suitable building for the uses of the Society.

26. The Committee on Donations, Subscriptions and Collections shall have the general supervision and charge of procuring donations to the Society, and subscriptions to its funds, or for any special object; and it shall be its duty to propose proper measures for procuring donations and subscriptions, and for the prompt collection thereof.

27. The Committee on Publications shall have the charge and supervision of all publications made by the direction of the Board of Managers, and shall carefully examine all papers and other things directed to be published.

28. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership to consider and report upon all questions relating to Membership, which may be referred for that purpose, and in so far as practicable to increase the membership of the Society.

29. As soon as convenient after the annual election of officers, the President shall appoint the following Committees, each to consist of five members of the Society, not Managers, viz :

- I. On the Increase of the Library.
- II. On the Increase of Members.
- III. On Donations and Subscriptions.
- IV. On Statistics.
- V. On Portraits, Pictures and Photographs.
- VI. On Local History.
- VII. On Indian Reminiscences, Memorials and History.

30. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Increase of the Library to procure donations of books and pamphlets; to endeavor, by other means, to increase the Library; and to propose to the Board of Managers such measures for its increase as may be deemed expedient; of the Committee on the Increase of Members, to take all proper measures to increase the number of life and resident members; of the Committee on Donations and

Subscriptions, to endeavor to increase the funds and property of the Society, by donations and legacies, and otherwise ; of the Committee on Statistics, to collect, arrange, and put in suitable form for preservation and use, the statistics of the commerce manufactures, and business of the city of Buffalo and the lakes and of those portions of the West which are intimately connected with the business of Buffalo ; of the Committee on Portraits, Pictures and Photographs, to obtain donations of portraits, pictures and photographs, and especially of portraits, in oil, of early settlers and other citizens ; of the Committee on Local History, to procure, digest, arrange and put in order for preservation and use materials for a history of the city of Buffalo, and of Western New York ; and of the Committee on Indian Reminiscences, Memorials and History, to discover, collect and arrange in suitable form for preservation and use, whatever they can obtain relating to the habits, peculiarities, possessions, and history of the Indian nations and tribes, now or formerly occupying portions of this State.

31. All reports of Standing Committees shall be in writing, but they may report by resolution if they shall deem it expedient.

32. The Constitutions and By-Laws of the Society heretofore existing are hereby abrogated.

No. 2. FORM OF DEVISE.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum of _____ dollars.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and to its successors and assigns forever,

Said that piece or parcel of land, situate, etc.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

To the Friends of the Buffalo Historical Society :

The following forms are suggested to any friend of the Society who may have in mind the generous thought of increasing its very limited endowment by gift or bequest :

No. 1. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the city of Buffalo, New York, the sum of.....dollars towards the Building Fund of the Society.

No. 2. FORM OF A SPECIAL BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation, located at the city of Buffalo, New York, the sum of.....dollars, which sum I desire that the said Society shall preserve by proper investment as a perpetual fund, to be known as The.....Fund, the yearly income thereof, and no more, to be expended annually in the publication of its papers, purchase of books, periodicals, prints, maps or other works, to increase or improve its library.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum ofdollars.

No. 4. FORM OF DEVISE.

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and to its successors and assigns forever,

ALL that piece or parcel of land, situate, etc.

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FORMS OF REQUEST

To the Friends of the Buffalo Historical Society:
The following forms are suggested to any friend of the Society
who may have in mind the generous thought of increasing its
very limited endowment by gift or bequest.

No. 1. FORM OF A SPECIAL REQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a
corporation, located at the city of Buffalo, New York, the sum
of dollars towards the Building Fund of the
Society.

No. 2. FORM OF A SPECIAL REQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical Society," a
corporation, located at the city of Buffalo, New York, the sum
of dollars, which sum I desire that the said Society
shall preserve by proper investment as a perpetual fund, to be
known as The Fund, the yearly income thereof, and no
more, to be expended annually in the publication of its papers,
purchase of books, periodicals, prints, maps or other works, to
increase or improve its library.

No. 3. FORM OF A GENERAL REQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to "The Buffalo Historical
Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located
at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, the sum of
..... dollars.

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ical Society," a corporation of the State of New York, and located
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